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Andrew Carnegie entertains former partners at dinner at his New York mansion.—Page 1.

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Venezuelan government was notified that a blockade will begin December 20 at 3 p. m.—Page 1.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Non-union men told of troubles during strike, in effort to prove that reign of terror existed.—Page 2.

Two young women were arrested at Beaver Falls, charged with receiving stolen goods.—Page 7.

LOCAL.

Mercer mine inspector declares coal supply in United States will be exhausted in 150 years.—Page 5.

Three-fourths of the pottery production of the country is represented in an ironclad price agreement, which was entered into at the Hotel Henry yesterday.—Page 3.

Many interesting sights can be seen on the streets and in the downtown stores among the Christmas shoppers.—Page 5.

At the second annual meeting of the directors of the Pittsburgh sub-district schools last night in Shriner's hall, supper was prepared and served by the pupils of the domestic science department of the city schools.—Page 3.

Forty-one persons were rendered homeless yesterday by four houses in Hill street sliding away.—Page 5.

Pennsylvania railroad officials complain because the corporations committee is holding back its Duquesne way ordinance.—Page 3.

Controller Larkin says it is the duty of councils to tax other property besides real estate.—Page 8.

Leading officers will be let out by the H. C. Frick Coke Company and office forces reduced January 1 as a result of the company's withdrawal from the market.—Page 3.

Speakeasy dives exposed by The Gazette remain closed, but the police are apparently taking no steps in the way of prosecutions which will keep the places suppressed.—Page 2.

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Proposition to make Harry Moore the Fusion candidate for recorder is meeting with approbation and there is talk of the possibility of the old organization indorsing him.—Page 6.

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Commissioners opened a second lot of bids for new county bond issue.—Page 14.

A bill in equity was filed to restrain the Pittsburgh & Glenwood Railroad Company from taking property.—Page 14.

SOCIAL.

The seniors of the Pennsylvania College for Women presented "She Stoops to Conquer" with much success last evening in Dilworth hall.—Page 6.

Mrs. Robert Wray and Miss Louise Magee were guests of honor at a brilliant reception given yesterday afternoon at "The Maples," at which Mrs. Warrington Warwick was hostess.—Page 6.

Miss Mary Kenney made her social debut yesterday afternoon under happy auspices at the reception which her mother, Mrs. James M. Kenney, gave at their home in the East End.—Page 6.

The engagement of Miss Evelyn Grimm of Franklin, Pa., and Edward E. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Jenkins, was announced last evening by Miss Grimm's sister, Mrs. Thomas Blair, in Bayard street, Shadyside.—Page 6.

Miss Jean Stone made her debut last evening at a large and brilliant ball given by Gov. and Mrs. Stone at the executive mansion in Harrisburg.—Page 6.

SPORTING.

Honus Wagner's Carnegie basketball team won its first league game in clever style.—Page 10.

Trap shooting at live birds has almost been given up by local clubs, and there is a lack of sport of that kind.—Page 10.

The New Orleans winners: Marco, Andes, Vesuvia, Jessie Jarboe, John Paters and Commissioner Forster.—Page 10.

FINANCIAL.

Eastern stock market active, strong and higher, closing at the top.—Page 13.

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All grains closed lower in Chicago.—Page 14.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived Dec. 18.

Liverpool—Teutonia from New York.
London—Virginian from Boston.
Queenstown—Haverford from Philadelphia.
Hamburg—Pennsylvania from New York.
Havre—La Lorraine from New York.
Geneva—Lahn from New York.

Sailed Dec. 18.

New York—La Torraine for Havre.
Liverpool—Victoria for New York.
London—Minnehaha for New York.
Queenstown—Celtic for New York.
Glasgow—Carthagenian for Philadelphia.
Naples—Hesperia for New York.
Hongkong—Tacoma for Tacoma.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

ALVIN—Mr. Sothern in "Hamlet," 7:45 p. m.
NEW GRAND—New Stock Company in "Arrah-Na-Pogue," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
DUQUESNE—Ten acts of star vaudeville, 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"A Kentucky Feud," 8:15 p. m.
EMPIRE—"Over Niagara Falls," 2:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—Harry Morris' Company in "Night on Broadway," 2 and 8 p. m.
AVENUE—Marnel's pictures and 13 other vaudeville acts; continuous performance from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE AND ART GALLERIES—Loan exhibition, open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
QUEENE GARDEN—Ice skating and hockey.
PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Pittsburgh orchestra and Van Rooy, 8:15 p. m.

ENGLAND WOULD ABANDON COERCION OF VENEZUELA TO PLEASE UNITED STATES

Lord Lansdowne, Through Ambassador Choate, Conveys Assurances Calculated to Allay Apprehension in America.

HAD BEEN WARNED THAT HE WAS PLAYING WITH FIRE

Words Were Forced from Reluctant Lips, Britain Fearing That Kaiser's Government Will Take Offense.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

Caracas, Dec. 18.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies today will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra of the blockade to become effective Saturday, December 20, at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.

Second only in importance to the news that a new arbitration proposition had gone to the capitals of the coercive powers are representations which Great Britain has made to the United States. Ambassador Choate has been informed by Lord Lansdowne that his government is disposed to look with favor on a proposition to settle by arbitration, and he has been assured by the same authority that Great Britain has no intention of violating the Monroe doctrine, and while acting with other nations at this time, she would withdraw from that agreement rather than do anything which would cross the policy of the United States.

The announcement that Great Britain looked with favor on arbitration is understood to have been made before the new action of President Castro was communicated to London, and while the first offer, which was a mere suggestion to arbitrate, was still pending. Great Britain's declaration that she "would not cross the policy of the United States," is likely to be received with great favor here, although our state department has taken the ground that no such assurances are necessary, believing in the absolute good faith of Great Britain.

This expression is thought to have been prompted by the indignant state of public opinion in England and by the fear of British statesmen that good fellowship between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations was being unnecessarily strained. American statesmen have frankly cabled British statesmen that they were playing with fire in blindly going ahead with Germany without some explanation as to where they would stop.

Assurance Was Needed.

For the present, of course, Great Britain is going on with Germany, but the announcement is regarded as a good long step in the direction of segregating the suspected European coalition to test the Monroe doctrine. This has been the hope of American statesmen ever since the movement against Venezuela began. The assurance came from Great Britain with considerable reluctance, and this is explained on the ground that it was felt that it might be misconstrued by Germany, with whom she had made a compact and by Venezuela, who might see in it an evidence that she was preparing to abandon the attempt at coercion.

President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with full powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Mr. Bowen simply awaits the consent of the state department to assume this task, assuming that the nations named are willing that he shall undertake this work.

Whether the consent of these governments can be obtained will, it is believed, depend entirely upon the sufficiency of any guarantee that can be given for the faithful discharge by President Castro of any obligations he may assume as the result of Mr. Bowen's efforts. The allies feel that they must be assured against the consequences of another revolution, and the repudiation by the president who may follow Castro, of his undertakings.

France Enters the Contest.

The efforts to induce the United States government to act as guarantor, it is safe to say, will not succeed, and it is beginning to appear that there is likely to be a mixed commission appointed to receive all Venezuelan customs, and setting apart a certain portion for the maintenance of the Venezuelan government, disburse the remainder among the powers until their obligations are met.

The government of France has now entered the field as an active party in the terest in the Venezuelan trouble. The French government has, through its ambassadors and charges and ministers, served notice upon the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, and by way of information has also told Secretary Hay, that any provision made for the settlement of the claims against Venezuela must recognize the pre-eminence of the French claims.

The French government received assurance from the other governments named that any arrangements made would provide for the security of the French interests in the Venezuelan customs.

The state department has learned, as reported in the Berlin dispatches, a

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BATTLESHIPS TO VISIT TRINIDAD

Admiral Higginson to Spend Holidays Near Trouble Zone.

ITINERARY OF FLEET

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

Washington, Dec. 18.—The navy department contributed the most important development in the Venezuelan situation over night in the form of a cablegram from Admiral Dewey announcing the proposed itinerary of the vessels of his fleet during the Christmas holidays.

According to the approved plans the principal fighting ships of Admiral Dewey's fleet will rendezvous at the Island of Trinidad, right off the coast of Venezuela and St. Thomas. Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, will have command of the battleship fleet at Trinidad in his flagship Kearsarge, with Rear Admiral Sumner commanding the South Atlantic squadron on his flagship Iowa, as second in command.

The fleet at St. Thomas, which includes two battle ships, will be under the command of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, commanding the European squadron on his flagship Illinois. The fleet of cruisers and smaller vessels which will anchor at St. Kitts, will be in command of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean division on his flagship Olympia. Although not so stated, it is stated that Admiral Dewey will retain the converted cruiser Mayflower as his flagship, and will spend most of the 10 days' holiday at San Juan. He is now at Culebra with the bulk of his immense fleet.

Admiral Dewey's cablegram, dated San Juan, December 14, is to this effect.

Proposed itinerary of vessels for Christmas holidays: Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts, Iowa, Scorpion, to Trinidad; Illinois, Indiana, Hist, to St. Thomas; Texas to Pointe-a-Pitre; Chicago, Newark, Eagle, to Curacao; San Francisco, Albany, Wasp, to Mayaguez; Cincinnati, Atlanta, Prairie, tugs, torpedo boats, to San Juan; Culgoa to Mayaguez and San Juan; Olympia, Nashville and Machias to St. Kitts; Detroit to Antigua; Mayflower and Vixen to Porto Rican waters and vicinity, and Dolphin to Antigua and vicinity.

In reply Secretary Moody sent the following cablegram:

Carry out proposed itinerary. Merry Christmas.

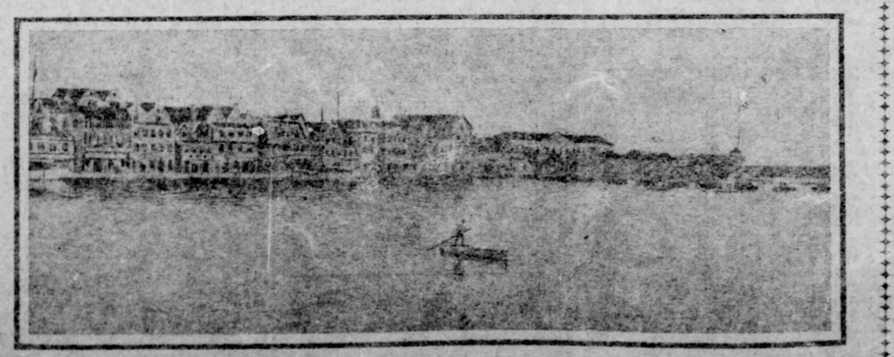
The Texas and the Topeka have arrived at Culebra.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 18.—The report that there was yellow fever at Willemstad, Curacao, has been authoritatively contradicted and with the exception of the Chicago, the ships assigned to Curacao for the holidays, will proceed for that port. The Chicago has a cracked steampipe and will come to San Juan for repairs.

What Venezuela Is Against.

Venezuela has an army of 40,000 men. Its navy—what little it had—is gone so far as usefulness in war is concerned. Arrayed against the little South American country are five European nations, with France yet to figure if its claims are not given precedence. These monarchies have the following strength, all except Great Britain, on a peace footing and not taking into account auxiliary and colonial forces and vessels:

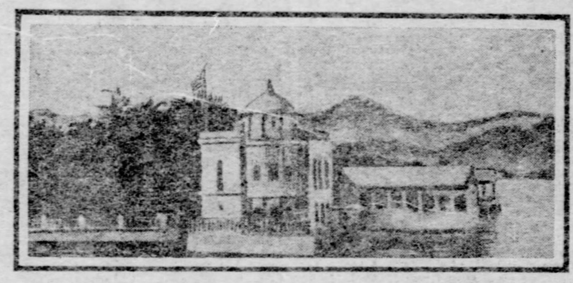
	No. of Men in Army.	Naval Vessels.	No. of Men in Navy.
Britain ...	219,500	400	116,675
Germany ...	604,168	237	42,871
Italy	265,684	235	25,375
Spain	183,972	100	24,727
Belgium ...	140,000	None	None
Totals ...	1,414,024	1,074	211,708



Island of Curacao, in the Caribbean Sea Near Venezuela, Where Warships of the Powers are Likely to Rendezvous.

SCENE IN CAPITAL OF VENEZUELA.

One of the Main Business Streets of Caracas.



American Consulate at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela.

OLD GUARD DINES WITH CARNEGIE

Men Who Helped Build Great Industry Gather at His New Home.

BUSINESS BANISHED

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Andrew Carnegie's first dinner in his new house at Ninety-first street and Fifth avenue was given tonight to his former partners in the steel business—the "Carnegie old guard"—as they are fond of calling themselves. It was an annual reunion, which Mr. Carnegie enjoyed fully as much as any of the 32 men who sat down at his table.

In the speeches which followed the feast old times were recalled, stories were told and there was much harmless fun among the former associates, and the hearty laughter which followed frequent sallies by the speakers drowned the strains of the organ, which furnished subdued melody for the banquet.

Mr. Carnegie's health is much improved since his return home. He exercises by walking whenever the weather is fair, and his friends predict that he will soon have recovered all his former briskness and good spirits. It evidently did him good tonight to see again the men who had helped to make the millions which he is giving for libraries and whose fortunes he himself had a large part in building.

Those present were: W. E. Corey, president of the Steel Hoop Company, the Carnegie Company and the Carnegie Steel Company; H. P. Bope, vice president of the Carnegie Steel Company; Capt. L. T. Brown, superintendent of the Lower Union mills in Pittsburgh; Thomas Morrison, superintendent of the Edgar Thomson works at Braddock; Thomas Lynch, president of the Frick Coal and Coke Company and manager of the coal and coke operations of the United States Steel Corporation; George Lauder, Alexander R. Peacock, D. M. Clomson, George E. McCague, W. H. Singer, Homer J. Lindsay, W. C. McCausland, John McLeod, G. D. Packer, Charles L. Taylor, E. H. Utley, William M. Abbott, W. R. Balsinger, W. W. Blackburn, J. J. Campbell, A. C. Dinkey, A. R. Hunt, James Gayley, William R. Conrad, Joseph E. Schwab, W. C. Magee, O. W. Kennedy, D. G. Kerr, Edwin F. Mills and R. A. Frank.

Mr. Carnegie welcomed his guests, many of whom had come from Pittsburgh and other points in Pennsylvania, at the top of the wide marble staircase, which leads to the great hall of the house, and had a cordial greeting for each of them. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock in the dining room on the Madison avenue side of the house, and it lasted until after 10 o'clock.

Although so many men of importance in the steel industry were assembled, business was eschewed for the occasion and the gathering was devoted wholly to social enjoyment. Mr. Carnegie received many compliments on the beauty and convenience of his new house. He turned them aside laughingly by saying that he would repeat them to his daughter the "real owner."

AMERICANS TO BUILD PERUVIAN RAILWAY

LIMA, PERU, Dec. 18.—(Special Cable.)—The government has contracted with Alex N. Fuente and Leopold Arnaud for the construction of a railway from Chimbote to Recuay, with the privilege of free importation of material for 25 years. The railway must be completed within 25 years. The capital for the enterprise will be American.

TWO PROJECTS TO COST PENNSY 60 MILLIONS

Cassatt Pleased With Result of Negotiations at New York and Washington.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Public Ledger Building,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.

Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad are confident that the year 1903 will see the construction of both the New York and Washington terminals well advanced. The estimated cost of these two projects is $60,000,000. $50,000,000 of which will be spent in New York. The McMillan bill, which provides for the building of the Washington terminal and which passed the senate at the long session, has just passed the house. It now goes back to the senate for concurrence in the amendments offered. President Cassatt is satisfied with the amendments and is sure the bill will become a law in a few weeks. It is known that President Roosevelt favors it. The total cost of the station, tunnels and approaches will be about $10,000,000. The plans of the station have been drawn by D. & H. Burnham, architects of the Chicago World's fair. All the plans for the terminal are far advanced, and contracts will be let as soon as the president signs the bill. The present station at Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue will be abandoned and the company will receive from the government $1,500,000 for surrendering its right of way over the mall.

Regarding the New York terminal, Chief Engineer Brown said today: "Our plans are so far advanced that we could begin work in a week after the franchise is secured if it were necessary. Mayor Low and the board of estimates have yet to approve the bill, but there is no doubt that they favor it. Contracts will be let as soon as we have the right to go ahead."

CHESTER D. POTTER.

GREAT CORPORATIONS IN LEGAL CONFLICT

Western Union Alleged Pretensions Ridiculed by Pennsylvania Co. Attorney.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Final argument was begun before Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick in the United States circuit court in Newark, N. J., today on the rule directing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to show cause why a permanent injunction should not issue to restrain it from tearing down the telegraph poles and wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company along the Pennsylvania system. John G. Johnson of Philadelphia, Robert L. Lawrence and James B. Vreedenburg of Jersey City appeared for the Pennsylvania and Richard Lindabury and Judge John Dillon, Rush Taggart and Henry Esterbrook of general counsel for the telegraph company, for the Western Union.

Chief Counsel Johnson of the Pennsylvania railroad ridiculed the argument that the Western Union could be considered as a public benefactor and maintained that the question at issue was not one of contract relations but whether the Western Union should be permitted to crush out a rival which is seeking to duplicate such public service. Mr. Johnson also charged that the Western Union was guilty of gross breaches in not having asked for the injunction months before. I. did. The real reason for the application for an injunction by the Western Union, he declared, was its desire to smother and cripple the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company as a competitor.

HOSPITALITY FOR PITTSBURGH GUEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Mr. Frank M. Mathewson yesterday gave a tea with music and song, for her guest, Mrs. William H. Orr of Pittsburgh, for whom Mrs. Olney Arnold gave a dinner last night with informal dancing.

STATESMEN TO ATTEND THE GRANT FUNERAL

Body Will Be Laid Beside That of Her Soldier Husband on Sunday.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were completed here today for the funeral of the late Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. Funeral services will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist church in this city at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, the Rev. Frank M. Bristol officiating.

Immediately after the services at the church the funeral party will proceed to the Pennsylvania railroad station and take the 11 o'clock train for New York city. The Grant Monument associat on will take charge in the metropolis, meeting the body at Jersey City and taking it on the steamer Meigs to the Grant tomb in Riverside drive, where Grant post, G. A. R., will serve as a guard of honor.

The family and friends will proceed to the Fifth Avenue hotel. The committal service will occur at the tomb at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Bishop Andrews officiating, assisted by Bishop Coadjutor Mackey-Smith. Special military honors will be paid the dead woman and all the army and naval officers in New York city and vicinity will attend in full dress uniform.

The honorary pallbearers in this city will be Speaker Henderson, Secretaries Root and Wilson, Maj.-Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, Senators Cullom, Kean, Fairbanks, Allison, Foraker and Platt, of New York; John R. McLean of Ohio, and the Hon. J. J. Bancroft Davis of Washington. It is not expected that the honorary pallbearers will accompany the remains to New York city, though Secretary Root and some of the others may do so. There will be no funeral service at the home of the late Mrs. Grant in this city.

Through the Japanese minister the sympathy of the empress of Japan for the Grant family in its affliction was expressed today in the following cablegram:

Her majesty, the empress, heard with much sorrow of the death of Mrs. Grant. Please convey to her family her majesty's sincere condolence.

MINISTER OF IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.

GERMANS DISABLE ANOTHER GUNBOAT

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Falke, which has been anchored for the last two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, today captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her main mast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel. This action has caused great indignation among the Venezuelans and excitement runs high at Maracaibo, where the people have been parading the streets uttering cries against Great Britain and Germany.

GEN. HERNANDEZ CALLS ON BOWEN

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—El Mocho Hernandez, the released revolutionary leader, called at the American legation this morning for the purpose of paying his respects to Minister Bowen. This afternoon President Castro, accompanied by his wife, also called at the legation, where he stayed for three-quarters of an hour. Lieut. Van Duzer of the gunboat Marietta has been sent here from La Guayra to act as secretary to Mr. Bowen.

NEW YORKERS TO PAY VENEZUELA'S DEBTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The World says negotiations through which a New York syndicate, represented by J. W. Seligman & Co., plans to float an issue of Venezuelan bonds large enough to settle all of the claims held against the country and bring about immediate peace have been under serious consideration all day and it may now be stated that there is strong hope for the success of the plan.

P. M. G. Payne Taken Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—While on his way to the White House today, shortly after noon, Postmaster General Payne suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was taken to his hotel and two physicians were summoned. The patient was relieved this afternoon and hopes to be at his office tomorrow.

ACTORS FAVOR THE PLANS TO ENDOW STAGE

E. H. Sothern and Miss Loftus Give Views on National Theater.

CARNEGIE SCHEME WINS THEIR PRAISE

Endowed Playhouse Would Elevate Standard of the American Drama.

IT WOULD MEAN AN IDEAL

The project for the endowment by Andrew Carnegie of a national theater in Washington has two stanch supporters in E. H. Sothern and Miss Cecelia Loftus, who are filling an engagement at the Alvin this week. When Mr. Sothern and Miss Loftus learned that a bill had been introduced in congress by Representative Miers of Indiana for the selection of a site for the proposed theater in the District of Columbia, they expressed surprise that the plans had taken definite shape and declared that they hoped to see the long-cherished expectations realized.

"I have known James Paxton Voorhees for many years," said Mr. Sothern, "and know of the very faithful work he has done for this proposed national theater. With Mr. Voorhees I played with John McCullough in 1879, and he was a great actor.

"I am delighted to learn that Mr. Carnegie has consented to endow the new theater. Necessarily the fund will have to be larger. It will take an immense amount of money to run the theater on the plan and scale it should be conducted on."

When asked to specify an endowment amount Mr. Sothern said he did not even have an idea of the money which would be required, but he thought that an endowment of several million dollars could be used to excellent advantage.

Mr. Sothern was asked to suggest a name for the new national theater, and just coming from a seven hours' rehearsal of one of Shakespeare's plays, replied: "What's in a name?"

"Let's have the theater, by all means. There'll be no trouble about a name. Of course I would suggest that it be called the National theater. That is the most significant title."

Mr. Sothern was apprised of the fact that libraries, organs and other gifts made by Mr. Carnegie usually bear his name, and was asked whether it would matter if the proposed new playhouse was called Carnegie's theater, to which he replied:

"Well, if that's the only way we can get the theater let it be called the Carnegie theater. It is the intention, if I understand correctly, however, to have modern plays as well as a repertoire of Shakespearian plays produced in the new playhouse. Now we have great American dramas which will be handed down. In view of this, I fully believe the National theater would be the correct title.

"The only troublesome proposition I see ahead at present is the management. How will the new theater be managed? How, and on what lines will it be conducted? I have suggestions that I will be glad to offer when the opportunity presents itself.

"What a delightful old gentleman Mr. Carnegie is!" exclaimed Miss Loftus. "I was not aware that he had turned his attention to the stage. I thought libraries and organs were his hobbies. I have always thought that America should have an endowed theater, and I am certain if Mr. Carnegie is going to help the good cause that we'll soon have the standard of the stage raised to the loftiest ideal."

Miss Loftus was fatigued last night by her long rehearsal. She had spent the entire day preparing for her debut tonight in the character of Ophelia in Mr. Sothern's production of "Hamlet." She added pensively:

"I wonder if I'll ever appear in Washington's new playhouse? It would be an honor to live and die for. But the next best place is Pittsburgh. I've traveled across the Atlantic—my 18th trip—in order to join Mr. Sothern here tomorrow, and I wish I could walk out before the play and tell the audience that I have had but two days to rehearse the part. Pittsburgh people are good and kind, and I wish that the national theater could be built right here."

MR. CARNEGIE WILL NAME THE NEW MAN

His Sanction Essential in the Picking of a Steel President.

While Andrew Carnegie stands today as only a bondholder in the United States Steel Corporation, and is not even a director, there will be no new president of this great concern selected without his sanction. The retired steelmaster will practically have the say as to who the new president shall be if Charles M. Schwab does not resume the duties of the office upon return from his trip abroad. This hidden hand of Carnegie was revealed yesterday by a Pittsburgher closely in touch with Mr. Carnegie and heavily interested in the steel corporation.

Charles M. Schwab, when brought o the presidency of the big steel concern, was the nominee of Mr. Carnegie. The two officers ranking next at the head of operations are Carnegie men, James Gayley, the first vice president, and William B. Dickson, the second vice president. When the time comes for selection of a new head of affairs of the corporation it will either be a Carnegie man or a man who meets the approval of the steelmaster, whose acressiveness was the impetus to the formation of the corporation.

This was said yesterday by one in full knowledge of these affairs and in point of the varying speculation over a probable new corporation president.

German Tariff Bill Passed.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The bundesrath today approved the tariff bill in the form in which it passed its third reading in the reichstag.

ROGER O'MARA HAS SURPRISE FOR DEFENSE

Mysterious Woman Said to Have Damaging Testimony.

STRAIN TOO MUCH FOR LAURA BIGGAR

Actress Falls Over in Dead Faint at Top of the Court House Stairway.

FIRST HUSBAND DEVOTED

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 18.—Innocent or guilty of the charge against her and others in conspiring to obtain possession of the entire estate of the late Henry M. Bennett, Laura Biggar is apparently breaking down under the strain of her trial. As she reached the top of the court house stairs to attend this afternoon's session, she fell back in a faint and her attorneys are fearful that she will not be able to stand the ordeal that is before her tomorrow when it is planned to place her on the witness stand in her own defense.

Her first husband, James Willis McConnell, an actor now playing the part of Joseph Surface in "The School for Scandal," with the William Owen company in the west, who came half way across the continent to aid her with his testimony, is devotion itself to her. He is still at the same hotel with her here and the gossip that they may become reunited is more prevalent than ever.

"It wouldn't sound well, coming from me, that virtue is its own reward or anything like that," was all Mr. McConnell would say today, "but it has been agreed that I shall take my son Willis away with me when I go for a trip, but he will later be returned to his mother."

It was learned tonight that the prosecution has a mysterious woman witness at the American hotel here. She came this morning from New York with Roger O'Mara, one of the detectives on the case, one Shakespeare's plays, replied: "What's in a name?"

Surprise Is Promised.

One of the attorneys for the prosecution admitted that a surprise would be sprung in rebuttal by a witness who would, he believed, insure the conviction of the alleged conspirators, but he declined to go into details. This mysterious witness has not been visited at the hotel since her arrival. She did not register and has her meals served in her room. At the hotel no information regarding her was obtained tonight, it being evident that all possible precautions had been taken to prevent her presence here becoming known.

LAURA BIGGAR,
Who Fainted in the Court House.

This was a trying and rather an unsatisfactory day for the defense. Samuel Stanton, the Hoboken justice of the peace, who says he married Henry M. Bennett and Laura Biggar on January 2, 1898, and is also on trial on the charge of conspiracy, was on the witness stand nearly all day. He has what the defense asks the jury to accept as an explanation of the marriage certificate which is making so much trouble, and his version of the affair as related today is entirely new.

The prosecution had established the fact that the particular certificate dated January 2, 1898, had not been lithographed until two years later. This the defense now admits, and Stanton testifies that at Miss Biggar's request he sent her a new one, the one in question, last spring, she declaring to him that she had lost the original. So, according to his story, he bought a new form, dated it back to the day on which the marriage is said to have been solemnized, and mailed it to her.

Stanton's Poor Memory.

When Stanton testified at length at Long Branch in September he failed to mention this second certificate and now declares he did not remember at that time having made it out. He declared without qualification that the certificate was the one he had made out at the time of the marriage in 1898. His mistake was called to his attention, he said today, after he had left the witness stand and at the next hearing a week later was on hand to correct his testimony in this respect, but was arrested before he had an opportunity to do so.

When Edmund Wilson took Stanton on cross-examination the former justice of the peace was put through an ordeal to which a witness is seldom subjected, and when Stanton left the stand he was looking very limp and somewhat crestfallen. He had been forced to admit that he had told an untruth either at Long Branch or today and in other respects had proved unsatisfactory for the defense.

Another difficulty in connection with the certificate—the naming of a witness to the alleged marriage as Annie Weber, when her name was Elizabeth Weber, he explained merely as an unintentional mistake, and for his giving the age of Bennett as 72 at the time of the alleged marriage, he blamed Alexander C. Young, the Hoboken lawyer, who obtained most of the evidence on which Stanton and the others were indicted.

"I was making out the marriage return in the office of the board of health,"

he said, "and couldn't remember how old Bennett was. 'Oh, hell,' said Mr. Young, 'make it 22,' and I did so."

As general excuse for his actions at this time, when it was admitted he was trying to get on the Jersey City department of health records, a statement that he had married Bennett and Miss Biggar in 1898, he said he was intoxicated.

One of the most damaging pieces of testimony against Stanton was a letter he admitted having written to Bert Davis, a Hoboken lawyer, in whose office he had been employed, from the Bayonne sanitarium. This letter, it was evident, had been torn up by Stanton, he having changed his mind about sending it, and the pieces had in some manner been found in the sanitarium and put together again. In this letter Stanton begged Davis not to give him away, and telling him inquiries would be made within a short time. He asked Davis to say that he (Stanton) was there working for him and living with him. There was mention of a woman, named Pauline, in the letter. By the prosecution it was maintained that this letter referred to Stanton's connection with the alleged conspiracy, but he declared it had to do with domestic difficulties of his own; that his wife was looking for him and that it was to her that he begged Davis not to give him away.

Leighton a Bad Witness.

William Leighton, formerly employed on Bennett's farm at Farmingdale, also proved to be an unsatisfactory witness for the defense. He swore he had handed Miss Biggar the letter from Stanton last spring containing the marriage certificate, and that she showed it to him, telling how relieved she was to have it. He said he had often heard her addressed as "Mrs. Bennett," and that she was so known on the "farm," but a moment later he was confronted by a signed statement he had made not long after Bennett's death, in which he said he never had heard her spoken of in any other manner than as Laura Biggar. He also said in the statement that even Bennett had addressed her as "Miss Biggar." In nearly every respect this statement was inconsistent with his testimony today, but he declared the latter was the truth.

Mrs. McClure, who was for a time housekeeper for Bennett, said Miss Biggar was known on the "farm" as Bennett's wife.

"How did he generally address her?" Mrs. McClure was asked.

"He generally called her 'petty,' 'dear,' or some other endearing term," she replied.

There is a decided difference of opinion between Mrs. McClure and John F. Hawkins of Asbury Park, one of the executors of the Bennett estate, as to what was said on a train when they met two weeks ago. According to Mr. Hawkins, who will so testify in rebuttal, Mrs. McClure told him on the train that Miss Biggar would better turn state's evidence and save herself.

Mrs. McClure's Version.

She, however, maintains that Mr. Hawkins asked her to convey that advice to Miss Biggar, with the warning that otherwise he would fight the case to the bitter end, and that Miss Biggar would find herself in prison; when she told Miss Biggar of this, she says the actress laughed scornfully.

Joseph Siekert, manager of the Park hotel at Mt. Clemens, Mich., was the only entirely satisfactory witness called for the defense today. He had with him a register of the hotel in which appeared the name of "Henry M. Bennett and wife," under date of November 15, 1900, and he identified Miss Biggar as the woman who was at his hotel with Bennett. When Mr. Wilson tried to bring out an inference that Bennett signed in this way merely to get a room the actress broke into sobs.

C. F. Ottokiefer, who once fitted a wooden leg for Bennett, said Miss Biggar was introduced to him by the late horseman as his wife.

Considerable interest was caused here this afternoon by a report that Edward Reynolds, a witness of the day before, had tried to commit suicide at the Pennsylvania railroad station because of the testimony he had given. Reynolds cut a vein in his wrist with a penknife and his explanation when asked about it was somewhat remarkable.

"Suicide," he said, "is good for a man, just as it is for a horse to let him bleed out once in awhile." Reynolds' wife was present at the time and is caring for him and his injured wrist.

Lawyers in Consultation.

There was a long consultation in the jail this evening between the lawyers for the defense. Former Assemblyman William T. Hurley of Hoboken and Joseph M. Noonan, Aaron Johnson and Frank P. McDermott, at which it was decided to call Dr. Hendricks as the next witness. He will be followed by Miss Biggar and that will practically close the case for the defense.

Several witnesses will be called by the prosecution in rebuttal, and with the summing up on each side and the judge's charge to the jury still to come, it is probable the trial will last at least two more days.

WILKINSBURG BATTLE

Citizens Will Have Ticket in the Field at February Election.

A mass meeting of the Citizens party of Wilkinsburg was held last night in Wallace hall. Two hundred persons were present and John Messner presided. Plans for the coming campaign were discussed, but the name of prospective nominee for burgess was not mentioned. Some of the leaders said his name would be given out in a few days. New local issues will be brought out and a fight will be made on the Republican ticket.

The Republicans of the borough held a meeting in the Second ward school house and selected dates for suggestion meetings and the primaries. The primaries will be held on January 24 and the suggestion meetings will be held on these dates: First ward January 13; Second ward, January 14, and Third ward, January 15. The suggestion meeting for borough officers will also be held on the evening of January 15.

HENRY WICK BUYS CHAMPION STALLION

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 18.—The champion hackney stallion, Britthorpe Playmate, which won first prize in the Madison Square horse show this fall, has been bought by Henry Wick, formerly president of the National Steel Company. The horse was purchased from Robert Beith of Bowmanville, Ont. It is said $10,000 was paid for the stallion.

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WAITING FOR THE BLAST TO CEASE

Dive Keepers Keep Closed and Vent Their Wrath in Abuse.

POLICE CHANGE EXCUSES

Charles L. Wise Tells of an Interesting Experience With Police in Trying to Have a Gambling House Raided.

The doors of the speakeasies run by "Peasey" Richardson at No. 227 Diamond street, known as the "Arcade," and by "Honey" O'Neil, at No. 231 Diamond street, under the name of the "Third Ward Republican Club," are still closed as a result of the exposures made by The Gazette. The followers of Richardson and O'Neil are still trying to console each other with the oft-repeated assurance that in a few days everything will be all right again, and that the dives will be doing business as freely as ever. This is a case where the wish is father of the hope.

The police officials have not thus far shown any inclination to do anything that shall make it impossible for these places to reopen. The slot gambling machines have not been confiscated nor have any informations been lodged, though the evidence presented by The Gazette was given in detail and in sufficient quantities to warrant some action.

The police officials, by the way, have changed their form of excuse somewhat in the past two days. Now, instead of saying that they are in ignorance of all the evil carried on in downtown Pittsburgh they say that there are many things going on over which they have no control.

Handicaps Are Hinted At.

It is intimated by those who should suppress this vice that they are handicapped by a higher power. In the meantime, nothing is done to make such conditions as The Gazette has described impossible.

Men who were formerly connected with the bureau of police, and with other divisions of the department of public safety, say that while they were in the employ of the city it was always their understanding that they were to keep their hands off certain law-breakers for the reason that they had the full consent of high-up officials to carry on their nefarious callings, and that this consent was reciprocated in a way that made protection sure and insured no end of trouble for the underling who attempted to get "fresh," as one who shows a disposition to properly discharge his duty as a police officer, is designated.

The voluntary closing of Richardson's and O'Neil's places has made some 40 odd petty gamblers, "tin horn" men, touts and short-change artists blue and disconsolate. They now have no place in which they can loaf and feeling sure of no molestation. The sun was bright yesterday and it was not so bad being forced to loaf on the pavements. But they could not get away from the vicinity of their "hang-outs." They lounged through Diamond street, cursing police officials for saying the places mentioned must close if they were as The Gazette described them.

Another thing that excited the wrath of the Diamond street habitues yesterday was the appearance of a large number of reputable business men, who read The Gazette, on a trip of inspection. During the noon lunch hour many took occasion to hunt out Nos. 227 and 231 and look at the exterior fronts, while they commended the efforts of The Gazette. The hangers-out scowled viciously over this show of interest.

Feel That They Have Been Bilked.

And afterwards they discussed among themselves of what profit had it been to them that they had accepted the assurances of ward and district leaders that "Peasey's" and "Honey's" resorts should afford full opportunity for the exercise of their peculiar talents, provided they worked right during the last election.

Indisputable evidence that the police are insincere in their promises to close Pittsburgh's dives seems to be offered in the case of Charles L. Wise of No. 3625 Our alley. Recently he was drugged and robbed in a gambling den in Fifth avenue and reported the matter to Superintendent of Police McAleese and Superintendent of Detectives Demmel. He gave them the location and number of the place and made information against the keeper of the den. This was over 10 days ago. In spite of this complaint, supplemented by information, the police officials made no effort to close the place until it was too late.

Wise says that one week ago last Tuesday, he having sold out his cigar store at No. 2624 Penn avenue, he was walking along Fifth avenue, when a man accosted him and took him to a place in Fifth avenue where games of cards were being played. Wise says that he saw there two policemen in full uniform, one a white man and one colored.

Wise says his companion gave him a drink. "The next thing I knew," declared Wise, "was on the following morning. I was in Federal street and very nearly frozen. My pockets had been rifled and $31, which I had when I went into that place, had been taken.

"I have no recollection of what happened after I took that drink, which burned me as I swallowed it as though it was full of pepper. I recovered myself and at once went to police headquarters, where I swore out warrants for the arrest of the proprietor of the place, J. Brown, and the card dealer, Morris Price. I swore the warrants out before Magistrate Bernard McKenna. I then reported the case to Supt. McAleese, and arrangements were made for a raid on the place that Wednesday evening.

Signal Quickly Acted On.

"About midnight I went up to the place and went upstairs where the gambling was in full swing. There were big piles of money on the tables, and when the people asked me why I was there, I said that I was cold, and wanted to get warm.

"About 1 o'clock in the morning a signal of some kind was given, and the persons who were playing for money all fled. Then a man entered carrying two plates of food, the plan being to make the place seem like a restaurant.

"The police then rushed in, but everything was gone. Down stairs I met the police and Superintendent McAleese. They laughed at me. When I went back to police headquarters they told me to keep quiet about it all and that they would get the place and the gamblers, but that they must arrange it better than they had. The place is still running wide open. The first floor is a clothing store and the second story is where the fake restaurant is run. It is only a gambling den, the restaurant being merely a blind.

"The night of the raid when the signal was given for the men to get away several of those playing had evidently been treated as I had been, for they were about stupified and had to be dragged and some carried from the room."

Brown was arrested at midnight, charged with keeping a disorderly house at 825 Fifth avenue, where it is alleged gambling was permitted.

The Gazette has received a communication signed by a minister, in which he points out the good effect of The Gazette's expose of the Diamond street places which have been closed. The Gazette would be pleased to have the writer call and furnish in detail all the information he can to assist in the closing up of other places he mentions.

You Have to Show Him.

MARKET STALLS TO BE LEASED FOR TEN YEARS

Allegheny Common Council Refuses to Reduce the Rental Period.

The ordinance authorizing the leasing of stalls in the Allegheny central market for a period of 10 years was adopted by common council last night, after a determined effort on the part of J. H. Trimble of the Sixth ward to reduce the time to five years. Mr. Trimble stated that the consolidation of the two cities, which was bound to come soon, would greatly increase the business in Federal and Ohio streets and would, consequently, enchance the rental value of the market stalls in proportion. The ordinance passed by a vote of 25 to 5.

W. C. Burry presented a resolution that the city recorder request the delinquent tax collector to extend the time for the payment of delinquent taxes for 1902. The resolution was defeated.

The resolution protesting against the raising of the bridges between Pittsburgh and Allegheny, which had been defeated at the previous meeting, was reconsidered and passed.

The ordinance authorizing the city recorder to deed to Mrs. Mary Johnston a triangular piece of property, fronting 27 feet in Perrysville avenue, for the sum of $50 was laid over, it being asserted by members that the city had paid $1,000 for the property.

Measures passed finally: Ordinance naming a street in the Eleventh ward, Henricks street; establishing the grades of Conora, Sinen, Selbert and Edward streets, Emerson place and Roscoe alley; changing the grade of Stayton street and widening Stockton avenue to a width of 55 feet.

Upon the call of wards the following measures were introduced and referred: Resolution authorizing the delinquent tax collector to receive from the Redemptionist Fathers of the state $2,000 in lieu of the city taxes for the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, assessed against the Philomena cemetery on Troy hill; ordinance appropriating $1,000 to the Women's clubs of Allegheny for the maintenance of a summer playground and industrial vacation school for the children of the city.

MOODY WANTS SHIPS

Secretary of the Navy Urges Congress to Authorize Building of Six More Fighters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Upon congress rests the responsibility for the upbuilding of the United States navy until it is strong enough to defend this government and its principles against the encroachment of any foreign nation or European coalition. Secretary Moody has vigorously recommended the house naval committee that the authorization of six fighting ships made last year shall be repeated at this session of congress. President Roosevelt with all his earnestness is backing up the recommendation of the secretary of the navy. He has declared:

"I am in favor of building warships every year until the United States navy shall be as strong as any in the world."

Naval officers are compelled to admit that if Germany and England or England alone should enter upon a campaign of territorial aggression the United States navy would not be strong enough to successfully resist such aggression.

SHIP'S CREW RESCUED.

All Badly Frostbitten and Four Now in Hospital—Spend Week in Blizzard.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Suffering severely from exposure and privation, seven shipwrecked men and one woman arrived here today on the British steamer Mira. The victims included C. H. Clements, owner of the British schooner J. N. Wylde, Captain Dunphey, his wife and five seamen.

They were rescued from the dismantled and sinking schooner by the crew of the Mira. The J. N. Wylde was bound from Philadelphia December 1 for Bridgewater, N. S. Off Newfoundland the vessel was overtaken by a blizzard, which continued more than a week.

Benumbed by the cold the captain and crew were unable to manage the schooner, which was tossed helplessly about. Several vessels passed the distressed schooner but her captain and crew were unable to answer their signals.

Finally one of the sailors succeeded in fastening a signal to the mast, which on December 14 brought the Mira to the rescue.

All of the victims were badly frostbitten and four of them are now in a hospital.

MR. CARNEGIE DENIES.

Does Not Intend to Burden Little Daughter With Ownership of New York Palace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Evening Post today prints the following: "In our real estate columns yesterday in our reference to the sale by Mr. Carnegie to Mr. Burden of certain lots in the Highlands on Fifth avenue, we spoke of Mr. Carnegie's own house, which is to be a Christmas gift to his little daughter.

"We now learn that it had no foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie do not desire that their daughter should be burdened with great wealth.

"Neither of her parents deems great wealth a desirable possession for the morning of life or any part of life except as may be employed for the advancement of the human race."

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FOUR ALLEGHENIANS ELOPE TO CLEVELAND

One Couple Made Happy, but Other Would-Be Benedict Is Too Youthful.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Two nervous young men, accompanied by two equally nervous young women, appeared at the probate court office early this morning and said they wanted marriage licenses. They had just arrived from Allegheny, Pa., and were about to clinch a double elopement.

The first young man was Arthur N. Carlisle, aged 23, an awning manufacturer of Allegheny, and he wanted to marry his bookkeeper, Lottie F. McKelvey. Miss McKelvey blushingly confessed she was only 19 years old, and the laws of Pennsylvania require the bride to be 21. On the other hand, the laws of Ohio require the bride to be a resident of the county in which the license is issued.

In order to overcome this small obstacle Carlisle swore the girl was living at the American house, in Cleveland, which was true to the precise moment. Thus the first couple secured the license and were made happy.

Young man No. 2 confessed that he was not quite 21. He didn't think he had to be 21 to be married in this state. Woefully he turned to his pretty companion, and she acted as though she could just cry.

With mingled happiness and regret the party left the office and sought the Rev. Morgan Wood, who performed the ceremony that united the first couple, and the other couple witnessed the event. Being refused a license couple No. 2 refused to give their names.

BRITISH CHARGED WITH AIDING REVOLUTION

Venezuelan Govenment Finds Documents Which Are Said to Sustain the Assertion.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—Documents and letters, which have been seized by the Venezuelan authorities, are said to prove the connection of the Matos revolutionists with the recent demonstration of the allies against Venezuela.

It is reported that since the capture of the Venezuela fleet munitions of war have been shipped openly from Willemstad, Curacao, to points on the Venezuelan cost and steamers are said to have sailed from Port of Spain, Trinidad, with the knowledge, it is alleged, of the British authorities there, bearing arms and ammunitions to the Venezuelan revolutionists at Ciudad, Bolivar, on the Orinoco river.

It is declared here that these statements, if true, sustain Venezuela's past assertions that Great Britain has been assisting the Matos revolutionary movement. The revolutionists are showing signs of activity, but the Venezuelan government has taken steps to crush the new uprising.

WINSTON CHURCHILL ILL

Novelist's Exposure During Exciting Congressional Campaign Lays Him Up in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Winston Churchill, the novelist, is a sick man at the home of his uncle, J. R. Gazzam, 2810 Pine street. When he arrived here Monday morning he was feeling badly, as a result of his part in the lively campaign in his district in New Hampshire. He would not give up to his indisposition, however; he believed that rest was all that he needed. This morning he insisted on going out for a walk, although his wife wanted him to remain in bed. He was gone but a few minutes. When he returned he admitted he was a sick man. He went to bed and a physician was summoned. The latter says his illness is the result of exposure.

The author of "The Crisis" has a new book in course of preparation, but is not working at present. He is taking a vacation for rest and recreation.

PARTY RULES AMENDED.

New Plan of Making Ward Nominations by Citizens.

The committee on rules of the Citizens party yesterday spent an hour discussing proposed amendments to the party rules, agreed on some changes and will report them to the city committee.

If the amendments should be adopted by the city committee all nominations for ward officers will in future be made by the ward committees, and all district nominations by the district committeemen. School district nominations will be made by the ward committee, provided that where a ward is subdivided into two or more districts, nominations for school directors shall be made by the ward committeemen of the respective districts. All nominations are subject to the approval of the city committee.

Capt. Hobson Addressed Teachers.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The fourth day of the County Teachers' Institute here was the banner day in point of attendance. In addition to the 600 teachers hundreds of directors and residents of all parts of the county attended. Tonight Capt. Richard P. Hobson, U. S. N., lectured on "The United States as a World Power," before an immense audience.

Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Pennsylvania pensions were granted today as follows: John Cooper, Whitestore, $10; Nancy E. Timlen, Hooker, $8; William H. Meanor, Claysville, $10; Lavina Dickinson, Scenery Hill, $8.

For Over 30 Years
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children while teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists.

BALLOT REFORMERS REACH NO DECISION

Committee Meets at Philadelphia and Discusses Proposed Measure.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Public Ledger Building,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.

Senator Quay's ballot reform committee met tonight at the Hotel Walton to prepare a bill for presentation to the next legislature. It was a secret session. Those present were the chairman, ex-Senator Hertzler of Juniata, Homer Green of Wayne and David H. Lane of Philadelphia. The committee was in session over two hours. When it adjourned Chairman Hertzler said that a bill had been partially considered.

"All its features did not meet with our approval and we spent the time discussing its provisions," he added. "We have decided not to give any of our proceedings out for publication until we agree on a bill, which will be at our next meeting, when we expect to have present Attorney General Elkin and George T. Oliver, who were unavoidably absent this evening."

The committee will meet at Harrisburg during the session of the legislature. David H. Lane, in speaking of the proposed bill tonight said:

"I am fixed in my determination to favor the retention of the party circle or the adoption of some equally efficient means of voting a straight ticket. I am actuated in this contention by the fact that a large majority of voters support their party ticket, and I know of no good reason why they should be inconvenienced in their voting by adopting any complicated system, such as may be advocated by a few of those opposed to the circle." CHESTER D. POTTER.

TWO COLORED WOMEN AS HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Frank Wilt Held Up in the Allegheny Parks and Robbed and Cut.

A bold and daring hold-up took place in Allegheny last night when Frank Wilt of No. 901 Logan street was robbed of $36 in cash in East park, near Cedar avenue, by two colored women. One of the women, who gave the name of Irene Baker, was arrested. She said her companion was Sally Hall, who escaped with the money.

Wilt said he was crossing through the park when one of the women accosted him and made some remark. He answered her and the two women closed in on him. The Hall woman, he alleges, threw her arms around him while the Baker woman went through his clothes. Wilt, in trying to defend himself, was cut on the hands in several places and his overcoat was slashed to ribbons.

Assistant Superintendent of Police John Glenn and Detectives O'Brien and McDonough arrested the Baker woman in a protected dive in Lacock street. She did not deny the robbery and willingly gave up the name of her companion, for whom the police are looking. The Baker woman is said to be from Greenville.

CLEVELAND FLYER WRECKED.

Train from Pittsburgh Struck a Freight and Two Persons Were Hurt.

ALLIANCE, O., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The westbound Cleveland & Pittsburgh flyer, dues here at 5:35 this evening, ran into an eastbound freight at Garfield, nine miles east of here. The flyer's engine was overturned and nine freight cars telescoped.

Fireman Robert McNeese of Cleveland had his collar bone broken and was badly bruised. He is at the hospital here. Henry Ennis of Chester county, Pa., had his back hurt. The other passengers were shaken up but were not seriously injured. The flyer continued to Cleveland.

PRETENDER ON THRONE.

The Rebel Chief in Morocco Has Set Up a Royal Court.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Fez says that the pretender to the throne has complete possession of Tesa and the neighboring districts.

The pretender has appointed viziers and other officials and has set up a court with every symbol of royalty. The tribes east of Fez, almost without exception, acknowledge the pretender as the sultan. Very heavy rains impede the progress of the imperial troops.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT IS LOSING GROUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Cornelius Vanderbilt, who for 18 days has been battling for life with typhoid fever, developed peritonitis today and his physicians, after a consultation, pronounced his condition very grave. Friends and relatives, who up to noon were encouraged by hopeful reports, became anxious tonight when the complications which had set in were made known.

Lewis Is Not a Candidate.

John L. Lewis, who has been mentioned as a possible Citizens party nominee for recorder, said yesterday that he was not a candidate and did not want the nomination; that he preferred to do his duty in the ranks.

Supper at the Pittsburgh Club.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Horne gave a handsome supper last evening at the Pittsburgh club, the guests including some of the young married people.

ENGLAND WOULD ABANDON COERCION OF VENEZUELA TO PLEASE UNITER STATES

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mere money payment will not meet Germany's desires. Count Quadt, the German charge, had a long interview with Secretary Hay today touching Venezuela, and the fact is now apparent that while money will satisfy Great Britain and Italy, Germany must have an apology.

It was learned tonight that France has addressed a note to her charge d'affaires at Caracas for submission to the Venezuelan government, stating the position she will maintain with reference to claims of her citizens against Venezuela. France makes a distinction between claims arising before Castro's assumption of power and those arising since. The claims of France prior to Castro's administration, it is agreed, are already to be settled by arbitration. The claims arising since Castro became president are to be adjusted by the French minister at Caracas and proper ministerial officers of Venezuela. This was arranged some time ago.

In the note sent to Caracas France takes the position that claims arising since 1899, when Castro became president, should have as favorable treatment as is given to claims of Germany, Great Britain and other countries. As to claims prior to 1899, France says they shall be met according to the most favored nation treaty clause and be met out of the customs receipts. The note is courteous, but firm. France, it is announced, will make no demonstration against Venezuela.

Nothing Decided Yet.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is not apparent that anything definite has resulted from today's cabinet meeting with regard to the transmission by the government of the United States of Venezuela's request for arbitration.

Charge d'Affaires White was in touch with the foreign office throughout the day. He transmitted a long dispatch to the state department at Washington, but this communication is not believed to contain anything in the nature of a final decision. All negotiations are being conducted with extraordinary secrecy, but it is thought probable that Mr. White's dispatches to Washington have conveyed inquiries from the British government with regard to Secretary Hay's view as to the possibility of Venezuela carrying out the award of arbitrators. The Associated Press is in a position to say that Great Britain is making strenuous efforts to induce the United States to guarantee Venezuelan compliance with the findings of arbitration.

Inquiries made at the foreign office subsequent to the cabinet meeting brought no response. The announcement that President Castro had entrusted United States Minister Bowen with full powers to arrange a settlement was received at the foreign office with much interest, accompanied by the remark, "So Mr. Bowen is to be the arbitrator." The dispatch which contained this announcement was immediately taken to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne; it apparently conveyed to the foreign office officials the first definite news that such action had been taken.

Protest Against War.

The executive committee of the British branch of the International union passed a resolution this evening, which was introduced by W. T. Stead, expressing regret that Great Britain had engaged in war with Venezuela without attempting to secure arbitration in accordance with The Hague peace convention, and urging the people of the United States to protest against war being made upon any American state prior to the submission and refusal to arbitrate. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Lord Lansdowne and Secretary Hay.

W. H. Long, president of the local government board, speaking at Westminster tonight, said that at no previous period had Great Britain's relations with foreign countries been more satisfactory than they were today. Mr. Long expressed himself as quite certain that there existed no danger of war or of any straining of the present friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States. He said he believed the government was determined to avoid any rupture with Washington.

The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says in a dispatch that Germany is supporting the claims of Belgium against Venezuela which amount to $1,250,000.

Germany Counsels Blockade.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Germany addressed a note today to England and Italy counselling a blockade of Venezuela. The note sets forth that, in case of a blockade, English and German, as well as American merchant ships and steamers will be prohibited from entering Venezuelan harbors. It is believed that an effective blockade will not meet with opposition from the Washington cabinet.

Official announcement is made today in the Koenische Zeitung that proceedings had gone beyond the stage when the matter could be submitted to arbitration, and that Germany intends to employ the blockade. The Koenische Zeitung denies that Germany wants to annex Venezuelan territory. It says that Germany would refuse Venezuelan territory, even if the United States would allow its annexation. It continues:

"Germany wants no military action on land, but will confine itself to seizing custom houses and Venezuelan ships. No arbitration is possible until President Castro guarantees the repayment of the indemnities due to German citizens and agrees that the claims of the German banks shall be submitted to a mixed commission."

Strange Tales from America.

The Germans appear to be astonished at the commotion in Great Britain and the United States over what is regarded here as a mere episode. Few of the German newspapers have correspondents in New York, but those who are there telegraph that Germany is seemingly without one friend in the country, and trace the cause to Germany's alleged attitude toward the United States during the Spanish-American war. The popular feeling in Great Britain against co-operation with Germany is attributed here to the German people's bearing toward Great Britain during the South African war.

But if public opinion has little concern as yet over Venezuela, the foreign office here is extremely sensitive over the developments of public feeling abroad, especially in the United States. The reason for delay in doing anything that would change the situation either by replying to Venezuela's proposition made through Minister Bowen, issuing blockade regulations, or taking any forward step, is because it is thought better to remain passive for a few days and see how far public feeling in America will go. Indications are not wanting that the German government is seeking an expedient to arrive at a solution of the difficulty without anything further happening to vex the people of the United States, whose good will is considered to be more important than the humiliation of Venezuela.

Still Germany must have her claims satisfied and the hopes of the hour among the emperor's advisers are that President Castro will yield voluntarily in a few days if not pushed any further, that the commercial class in Venezuela will compel a settlement, or that the United States will offer to guarantee that Venezuela pay up if she loses by arbitration. The German commander in Venezuelan waters has been instructed to use extreme caution and avoid acts of force till he receives further orders.

The Cologne Gazette, in an evidently inspired statement published today, endeavors to allay the uneasiness regarding Germany's actions in Venezuela which, according to practically all the special dispatches coming from America, prevails in the United States."

"There are no facts," says the statement, "to support the distrust of Germany expressed in many quarters. The government of the United States knows well that Germany as little thinks of seizing Venezuelan territory as of planting her flag on the mountains of the moon."

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 18.—Through the medium of the United States legation the Venezuelan government has formally asked for the arbitration of all the questions at issue between this country and the aggressive powers of Europe. No reply or sign of acceptance has yet been received from either Berlin or London, and the minister for foreign affairs, whom I visited tonight, stated that the difficulty was in statu quo and that nothing definite had been settled.

If Great Britain, Germany and other powers which are pressing Venezuela accept her proposal, President Castro will seek to have Minister Bowen appointed as arbitrator.

The nation realizes that it is now obliged to yield, since all its warships have been captured or destroyed and it cannot reach the allied forces. Every patriotic Venezuelan is now working with the idea of bringing about peace. President Castro has received from the consul general in New York a cable dispatch stating that many men have offered to enlist there to defend Venezuelan sovereignty. A member of the cabinet showed me the message and said:

"If the American people want to do something for us, ask them for some warships, or tell them to send some down here. We have more men already than we need, but we are grateful for this proof of sympathy."

Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic, and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

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VENEZUELA'S BIG DEBT.

Following is the statement of Venezuela's debt on December 31, 1901:

FOREIGN DEBT.		
English debt, 3%.....	$13,322,910	
French and Spanish, 3%	1,309,385	
United States, mixed claims	93,249	
		$14,725,544
INTERIOR DEBT.		
Railroad, 5% (Disconto Bank)	$ 9,876,000	
12% per annum.....	708,868	
Caracas water works, 5%	2,035,639	
Caracas water works, 6%	11,961,734	
Salt debt.....	1,050,300	
		25,131,941
Unpaid interest.....	$ 6,990,727	
Due Banks of Venezuela	1,763,159	
		8,753,886
Total.....		$48,611,371

DIED.

PHILLIPS—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 18, 1902, THOMAS PHILLIPS. Funeral services at the residence of Milton S. Phillips, Robinson township, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HESSLING—On Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 10 p. m., at the residence of his sister, Mrs. John Berry, No. 161 Edmund street, HENRY CRAFT HESSLING, aged 32 years, 25 days.

Notice of funeral later.

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PRESIDENT ASKED TO CALL PEACE CONGRESS

Boston Society Would Bind Nations of the World in Bonds of Friendship.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—A direct step toward the organization of the whole world as one body politic is being urged by the American Peace society, which has its headquarters in Boston.

A petition has been drawn up to be presented at the coming session of the legislature asking President Roosevelt to invite the governments of the world to take part in establishing an international peace congress which shall have regular sessions. The interval of every seven years is proposed, but that is merely tentative.

The manner of establishing the world's congress is not specified, but is to be left to the judgment of the nations. The subjects to be considered by the congress are those of common interest to the nations which participate. The American Peace society thinks that the time is ripe for such a movement as this, and will actively push the project for national consideration.

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SCHOOL MAIDS PUT COOKING SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE TO A PRACTICAL AND PLEASING USE LAST NIGHT

After Serving a Dainty Supper to the School Directors at Their Gathering Last Night, Those Who Prepared and Served the Meal, Helped Themselves to the Good Things.

PUPILS BANQUET THE DIRECTORS

Feast Is Prepared by Girls of Domestic Science Schools.

EXPERT MAKES ADDRESS

Successful Chemist Points Out Duty of Public Schools to Prepare Pupils for Carnegie Technical School.

Domestic science as taught in the public schools of Pittsburgh was given a practical demonstration last night, when about 200 school directors and a small number of invited guests sat down to a supper prepared by the young pupils in the five cooking schools in the city.

Judging from the favorable expressions heard regarding what was served, it is likely that some of the opposition displayed by a number of the directors toward the introduction of such departments in all the city schools will be withdrawn.

The occasion was the second annual meeting of the Pittsburgh sub-district school directors, held in Shriners hall. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock, the girls who prepared it waiting on the tables. All wore dainty white aprons and caps. The tables, all prettily laid, were decorated with Christmas greens. Following the supper, addresses were made by Paul Kreutzpointner of Altoona and Prof. C. B. Connelly, director of manual training schools in Allegheny.

Mr. Kreutzpointner's subject was "What Can Our Public Schools Do to Strengthen the Carnegie Technical Institute. He is in charge of the testing laboratory of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and member of many technical societies. Mr. Kreuzpointner is a graduate of the Munich manual training schools and deeply interested in the work of such educational institutions. He said in part:

Age of the Expert.

In this age of scientific progress, when steam and electricity enter into all activities of human life, social conditions have profoundly changed. Today there is no question of domestic life, of social and industrial life, of municipal and national life, that does not require solution at the hand of the scientific and the highly trained engineer.

This increasingly keen struggle for existence produces in turn an increasing complexity in the social and political life of the people, multiplying and intensifying the duties of citizenship, of parenthood, of employer and employes. Hence our public schools should bear an intimate relation to the work of the new Carnegie Technical Institute and similar institutes elsewhere, not only to enable our children to earn their bread and butter, but also to perform intelligently these increasingly complicated duties of life which modern civilization has created, and to demand in return for increased advantages of living. The close relation that the modern public school should bear to the scientific technical requirements of today, becomes the more important as we consider the unfortunate propensity of parents to throw the responsibility for their children's moral and intellectual education more and more upon the school, that is, upon the state, while at the same time science and machinery relieve family life from the performance of many household duties, which, one or two generations ago, formed a school of discipline, of character-building, of manual training, a school of inestimable value in developing the creative and reasoning faculties harmoniously with the development of the retentive faculties and the literary attainments, the three Rs.

What Are Schools For?

"What are our schools good for" If they are not teaching what is of vital concern to the people and the state?

The employer asks that question when he is harassed and sustains avoidable pecuniary losses through deficient sense of duty and discipline in his employe, through the employe's inability to comprehend what is wanted, and his utter ignorance of scientific or economic technicalities. The employe asks that question when he sees a country boy with less schooling than himself getting along better, because of the training that boy's eye and hand had received in doing chores of all kinds around the farm; or when our city boy sees the best paying and steadiest jobs being filled by foreign-born workmen, on account of their having received in their schools the industrial training which we deny to our boys and girls, because of the pedagogic superstition that the elements of culture, of refinement, of good citizenship, of a high moral standard and noble manhood, are found only in the three Rs and the so-called humanities.

If I understand rightly, it is one aim of the new Carnegie Technical Institute to overcome these disadvantages, and the disadvantages of diminishing resources and new economic conditions, arising from increased density of population and superior technical education of the working men of competing nations—to overcome these disadvantages by that scientific and technical education which in the near future must form the basis of the material progress and moral welfare of the Greater Pittsburgh.

Public Schools Must Prepare.

But the nature of this industrial education is such that the Carnegie Technical Institute will not and cannot be of full benefit to the Greater Pittsburgh and to our country, unless common and high schools assume the same relation to the Carnegie Technical Institute that they now occupy towards colleges and universities. In other words, our public schools should become to some extent preparatory schools for the Carnegie Technical Institute, just as they now are preparatory schools for colleges. This is all the more important since only one per cent of our population are college and university graduates, while 99 per cent depend on industry, commerce and agriculture for a living.

If this is not done, if our schools do not assume that relation to the Carnegie Technical Institute and similar schools which they now bear to the colleges, so as to prepare the young man or woman entering the institute to follow and understand its curriculum and method of teaching; if some of the subjects taught in the public schools do not enable the minds of the prospective students of the Institute to slide easily over into similar subject matter taught, then the Carnegie Technical Institute will be forced, largely against its will, into the undesirable position of a technical kindergarten, wasting the efforts of its highly trained faculty and expensive equipment in diffusing the rudiments of science and technical skill among large numbers of totally unprepared students.

Value of Manual Training.

Prof. Connelly's talk, illustrated with stereopticon views, was brief and was prefaced with a short history of the manual training schools in the two cities since the founding of the Phipps school in 1888. He told of the benefit to hand and eye of training in the manual training schools, saying:

The object of manual training schools is very well expressed by Mr. Carnegie, who says they are intended to teach the young man of small means and meagre opportunities to equip himself in a manner to make him independent and able to cope manfully with the world. Such training should be considered an essential supplement to all public school education.

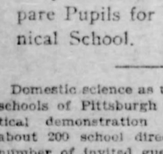
Labor unions that were at first opposed to manual training schools now encourage them, as the men who learn the rudiments of a useful trade in such schools are men of industrial value in many walks of life.

Pittsburgh's business men, especially those requiring skilled mechanics, have shown a preference for the boys taught in the common school manual training departments.

After hearing both addresses the directors made an inspection of some specimens of mechanical drawing, needle-work, wood-turning and pyrography, clay modeling and basketry, the work of the pupils in the manual training and domestic science departments of the Phipps, Humboldt, Franklin, McKelvey and Torrence schools.

THE WEATHER.

Pittsburgh is to have two more days of fair weather, if the forecast of the Washington observer proves true. It is probable that today will be slightly cooler than yesterday, but the fall in the temperature will not be sufficient to annoy the crowds of holiday shoppers Yesterday was a splendid day for Christmas buyers and the downtown streets were crowded all day and evening. The maximum temperature was 40 and the minimum 32 degrees.



Fair

The Gazette weather service thermometers at Kaufmann's corner at the following hours yesterday registered:

12 noon	33 deg.	8 p. m.	38 deg.
4 p. m.	30 deg.	12 midnight	34 deg.

Time of sunrise today.....7:21 a. m.
Time of sunset today.....4:35 p. m.
Daily report for yesterday furnished by the United States weather bureau:

Time.	Bar.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.01	32	90	N. W.	Cloudy
8 p. m.	30.13	37	66	N. W.	Clear

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 18.

	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Maximum	16	53	61	40	30	44
Minimum	10	34	34	33	20	32
Mean	13	44	48	38	25	38
Precipitation	T.	.07	.31	0	T.	.05

Maximum temperature (3:00 p. m.).....40
Minimum temperature (8:00 a. m.).....32
Mean temperature.....36
Normal temperature (for 31 years).....33
Excess in the temperature for the day.....3
Deficiency in temperature since Dec. 1.....36
Excess in temperature since January 1.....176
Normal precipitation (for 31 years).....03
Precipitation for the day.....0
Deficiency in precipitation for the day.....03
Excess in precipitation since December 1.....25
Deficiency in precipitation since January 1.4.86

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

Western Pennsylvania—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

West Virginia—Fair Friday and Saturday.

Ohio—Fair Friday; fresh south winds; Saturday probably fair.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Cincinnati	44	Clear	Washington	38	Clear
Parkersburg	46	Clear	Norfolk	44	Clear
Chicago	34	Clear	Jacksonville	56	Clear
St. Louis	48	Clear	Philadelphia	38	Clear
Cairo	50	Clear	New York	38	Clear
Louisville	44	Clear	Buffalo	36	Cloudy
N. Orleans	54	Cloudy	Cleveland	34	Clear
Memphis	52	Clear	Sd. Haven	38	Cloudy
Marquette	42	Clear	Vicksburg	52	Clear
Huron	40	Clear			

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DUQUESNE WAY BILL HELD UP

Pennsylvania Charges It Is Being Delayed in Interest of Wabash.

SHELVED BY COMMITTEE

Select Council Committee Submits Dispute to Three Engineers for Settlement—Neeper Wants Courts to Decide.

The Wabash is not the only railroad with a grievance against the Pittsburgh councils. Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad are also complaining because the corporations committee is holding up its ordinance for the proposed elevated line down Duquesne way, and the ordinance for the raising of the Panhandle tracks at the Second avenue crossing.

The Pennsylvania officials assert that the failure of the joint corporations committee, of which Dr. George W. McNeil is chairman, to report out its Duquesne way ordinance, has given the Wabash an advantage over them as the Wabash can go ahead and build their branch line to Allegheny and block the Pennsylvania elevated in Duquesne way if the Wabash gets its ordinance through first.

Owing to its Duquesne way ordinance being held back by the corporations committee the Pennsylvania people allege that they are compelled to make their fight against the Wabash solely on the grounds that the latter is interfering with a line which the Pennsylvania may build at some time in the future.

The Pennsylvania officials have insisted that the joint corporations committee shall take up the Duquesne way ordinance at its meeting tonight, but Chairman McNeil is very emphatic in stating that none but the electric light bills will be considered at this special session.

Submitted to Engineers.

The special or "rump" corporations committee of select council yesterday afternoon adopted a motion to submit the dispute between the Pennsylvania and Wabash railroads over the elevation of the latter's tracks over Duquesne way to a committee of engineers, each road to appoint one engineer and the city the third. The select council committee adjourned after it had inspected the route of the Wabash across the Point, from the terminal site at Liberty and Ferry streets to the location of the bridge for the branch to Allegheny.

Attorneys and engineers for both the Wabash and the Pennsylvania companies were present to state their case in the Duquesne way dispute. Attorney A. M. Neeper, for the Wabash, suggested several amendments to the ordinance which would return the measure almost to its original shape.

Mr. Neeper said that the city should only fix the minimum clearance above the street level and that the differences existing between the two companies regarding the elevations of their respective tracks should be left to themselves to settle.

Neeper Suggests Amendments.

Mr. Neeper also suggested that the ordinance be amended to give the company the privilege of building its supports on the curb line, claiming that if required to put them on the property line at Duquesne way it would make the span too long over Duquesne way to the river, and would also reduce the clearance of the structure above the street.

A long argument ensued between Attorney Neeper and Capt. A. P. Boller, consulting engineer for the Wabash, on one side and Attorney M. W. Acheson and Engineer J. C. Bland, for the Pennsylvania company on the other side. Engineer Bland stated that the proposed elevated structure of the Pennsylvania down Duquesne way would be 17 feet high, where it runs underneath the Wabash tracks and that unless the Wabash tracks were raised to 34 feet that there would not be a sufficient clearance between the two tracks.

Engineer Bland admitted, however, that the Pennsylvania tracks, according to the present plans, would run on a level for some distance below Sixth street and that a couple of feet could be gained by putting the entire structure on a grade. The Wabash representatives contended that this change could be made by the Pennsylvania and on the other hand the engineer for the Pennsylvania argued that the Wabash could build its branch across the Allegheny river at the height which the Pennsylvania company demanded.

Mr. Neeper also asked the committee to reinsert in the ordinance the provision for the South Side branch, presenting blue prints showing fully the proposed route of the line, from the tunnel to the connection with the Monongahela Connecting railroad, near Twenty-sixth street.

When the committee adjourned Chairman Upperman stated that another meeting would probably not be called until after the holidays.

Will Examine Applicants.

An examination of applicants for the position of first teacher in English in the Allegheny High school will be held on Wednesday, December 31. It is required of applicants that they have some years of experience in teaching English. Those with college degrees are to be favored. The salary paid to the English instructor in Allegheny High school is from $1,200 to $1,400, according to the experience of the teacher selected.

POTTERS LAUNCH A COMBINATION

Iron Clad Price Agreement Entered and Uniform Discounts Fixed.

W. C. WELLS IS PRESIDENT

Executive Committee Will Name Secretary and Treasurer to Report Cases of Price-Cutting for Imposing Penalties.

About 75 per cent of the productive capacity of the pottery factories of the country yesterday launched the new Potters' Association of America at the Hotel Henry, which enters an ironclad price agreement. New discounts and a scale of premiums were adopted and arrangements made for the selection of a secretary and treasurer, part of whose province it will be to inspect the accounts of the parties to the agreement and see that there are no violations of the agreement, which carries a forfeiture clause. All sales will be reported to the offices.

The association organized by the election of W. E. Wells of the Homer Laughlin China Company, East Liverpool, as president and William Burgess of the International Pottery Company of Trenton, N. J., vice president. It was decided to place in the hands of an executive committee of 12, part of which was named, the selection of a secretary and treasurer. The executive committee, so far named, consists of William G. Lee of the Knowles, Taylor & Knowles Company, East Liverpool, who is president of the United States Manufacturing Potters' association, and will probably be chairman of the committee; C. W. Franzheim of Wheeling, John W. Bodrey, W. W. Barker H. P. Knobblock, George C. Murphy and George C. Thompson of East Liverpool. These represent the western potters and the eastern branch will be represented by C. C. Cook, former president of the United States Manufacturing Potters' association, William Burgess and J. A. Norris of Trenton, N. J., and two others.

At the meeting there were represented nearly 50 of the pottery concerns of the country. Meetings will be held monthly at East Liverpool for the western branch and at Trenton for the eastern branch. The agreement fixes premiums that members may give on orders according to their size. On business ranging from $500 to $22,000, the premiums will range from 2 to 16 per cent. Base discounts agreed upon include the following: On semi-porcelain and white granite, 55 per cent off on run-of-kiln and 66 2-3 on thirds; on cream colored, 44 per cent on run-of-kiln and 60 and 5 on thirds. These discounts will apply to the present standard list.

President Joseph G. Lee of the manufacturers' association, which has been governing credits, wage agreements, and sometimes prices, although not successfully, said after the meeting last night: "We desire it to be understood that we are making no horizontal price advances. We are simply establishing uniform discounts."

It is said that in two years the productive capacity in white ware has doubled, and this has led to price cutting, which threatened ruin to the trade.

Notes of Labor World.

Pittsburgh lodge No. 1 of the Ornamental and Architectural Housesmiths has elected the following officers for the fiscal year: Thomas Burgess, president; Thomas McGreggor, vice president; Thomas Johnston, recording secretary, and Lewis E. Kurtz, secretary and treasurer. Henry W. Legleitner, who is secretary of the international organization of the craft, was elected business agent for the third time.

The International Association of Blast Furnace Workers, launched by Thomas H. Flynn of Pittsburgh, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, has arranged to move headquarters from Youngstown to Pittsburgh. The agitation for an eight-hour day, which resulted in a short-lived strike last summer, is being renewed.

Quarantine Shuts Out Groom.

Charles Moore, a young colored man, spends each afternoon and evening across the street from the house of Mrs. Catherine Derry, which was quarantined Wednesday. He was married to a young girl Monday and on Wednesday evening when he returned from work he found his bride in their rooms above the Derry apartments quarantined, and was refused admittance.

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FOURTEEN PAGES.

Dr. McNeil's plan of conditioning the granting of franchises to electric lighting companies upon the payment of a tax upon their gross receipts is correct procedure. Corporations who use the streets in their business should pay for the privilege.

Controller Larkin's plan of reducing the tax rate to 13 mills is laudable, but is hardly feasible in the present condition of municipal affairs. The investigations of the members of the finance committee indicate that a rate of 15 mills will be necessary, and even then close economy will have to be practiced. Probably we shall never have an accurate municipal budget and a close adjustment of revenue and expenditure until a better system is introduced than has heretofore prevailed in Pittsburgh.

A characteristic bit of news comes from Haiti, where Gen. Nord has assumed the presidential office, "having been acclaimed president of Haiti" by the army. This frank avowal of a pretorian system of government accords with what has long been the actual situation in Haiti, where the government rests nakedly upon military force and lasts no longer than preponderant military force sustains it. Gen. Nord's term of office will last until the army acclaims somebody else his successor.

There has been no sign of awakening on the part of the police bureau as a result of the disclosures made by The Gazette. But there has been an awakening of public sentiment. Substantial citizens have taken the pains to investigate and verify the publications made, and their indignation has risen with the increase of their knowledge. Not a few have expressed their private opinions that such dens as have been described should not be permitted to exist for a day to lure the young into the paths of evil. Moreover, they are prepared to lend their influence to make them impossible in this city.

The prorogation of parliament disposes of any prospect of discussion upon the Venezuelan affair in that body. The king's speech, which is virtually a statement of government policy by the ministry, mentions the Venezuelan expedition in terms which indicate that the business is to be put through in co-operation with Germany, but there is no room for suspicion of unfriendliness toward the United States in England's policy, or of hostility to the Monroe doctrine. The participation of England is really a safeguard of American interests in that respect. England has a joint interest with the United States in maintaining the Monroe doctrine as a barrier to ambitious designs on the part of the continental powers.

Russia does some things differently. There are sociologists who hold that Russia does things better than we and others who say the Russian ways are worse. Certainly they are different. There is the riot at Rostoff as an example. First a strike; then a threat by the mill owner that his work people would be driven back to their places by the knout; an attempt by the whole people to voice their disapproval of that sort of violence; an attack by the Cossacks and finally a riot. No, not finally, for the public demonstration was made on the opposite side of the river, going to the extreme length of burning the czar in effigy. Our own labor wars are fierce enough at times, but we have nothing to compare with this, nor anything the equivalent of the cause of the outbreak. The knout is unknown here as a persuader of labor, though the riotous spirit is too often in evidence without such provocation. Frequently, too, our citizens recently arrived from Europe are responsible for it, as they bring their customs with them and find here no Cossacks or gendarmes to oppose them.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely freely admitted, in his speech of last evening, the inelasticity of the currency. But he hardly rose to a full comprehension of the difficulty by making recommendations chiefly for contraction in times of little demand. It may be conceded that greater freedom of retirement in times of scant demand would be a good thing, at least for the banks, but the real necessity is for expansion in times of great need. Government bonds are security of undoubted character but they do not offer the basis that is needed when business and industry are at high tide, as they are at present. Besides it has been the policy of this country to pay its debts—a good policy for nation and individual. If bonds are the only security there must be a permanent contraction of currency or a change in policy to maintain a perpetual debt. Neither is in harmony with the spirit of the people. The things for which money is needed are good security upon ample margin and eventually must be made the basis of bank circulation.

Commenting upon the strained relations between the Cubans and the United States, Harper's Weekly remarks: "The president has endeavored to mitigate their lot by securing a reduction of the Dingley duties on their products imported into this country, especially on their sugar, but his party in congress stood out against him last winter and refused to grant the reciprocity which he urged upon it." This is hardly fair. The house of representatives passed the bill and it was not defeated by the action of the Republican party in the senate, but by the dilatory tactics of a number of senators who would not allow a vote to be taken upon it. The course taken indicates that they knew they were in a minority and that the bill would have passed had it gone to a vote. Senator Elkins has explained that he was one of those who held up the bill, not because he was opposed to its provisions, but he was afraid to allow consideration for fear an amendment might be offered reducing the duty on lumber. It was government by Elkins which defeated the bill, and not the Republican party, but it may be said the Republican party is responsible, because being in the majority it does not frame rules compelling the senate to act as a legislative body. But this has never been a political issue and the Republican party has simply accepted the rules as it found them, and as they were in force when the Democrats had a majority in the senate. It is, however, plain that party pledges are of no practical value unless party control can be exerted in the senate, and the matter is certain to produce a political issue sooner or later. The senatorial hold-up is not only destructive of party responsibility, but also of constitutional government, and means must be found to restore and confirm majority rule.

A PRACTICAL BALLOT.

Farmer Creasy has brought upon himself the wrath of the self-styled ballot reformers. Acting as chairman of the Democratic state central committee, he has appointed a number of gentlemen as a "ballot reform" committee, and suggests that best results can be secured by some modification of the old vest-pocket ballot. In this suggestion he follows the lead of that other politician of experience, Senator Quay, chairman of the Republican state central committee. Hence, the outburst of wrath upon the part of the impractical mugwumps and that other element in politics typified in the late campaign by the Flinn-Grimes "Muddy Water" party.

As a matter of fact the old vest-pocket ballot never was as vilely abused as the so-called Australian blanket has been, by the bribers, ballot-box stuffers, repeaters and crooked election officers. It did not offer as great opportunities. The objection to it was that it was not secret and that was only partly a fault. But it can be made secret—far more so than the monstrosity that succeeded it—by the use of an official envelope. It will certainly be more simple and less expensive, as well as more effective, than the present ballot, or any of those that have been proposed by the self-styled reformers.

Farmer Creasey is entitled to credit for his ability to grasp a great truth. His suggestion puts his committee in the way to produce something of real practical value—a ballot law adapted to the requirements of the American system of government by parties and public representatives. This is what no form of the Australian ballot ever could be. The idea is as foreign to American institutions as the kangaroo is to American soil. Besides these considerations there is the fact that such a practical scheme has some show of adoption, while there is no chance for any of the chimerical grouping systems advocated by the Clinton Rodgers Woodruff Preparatory school on the one hand and the William Filan college of practical politics on the other. The public is heartily weary of the bulky thing they have and radically opposed to making it more complicated.

THE COLOMBIAN HOLD-UP.

It is reported from Washington that intimations have been made to Colombia if it continues its sharp practice in the matter of the canal arrangements, our government may go ahead without waiting upon her. The course of Colombia can only be properly characterized as being a display of trickery and impudence. At the time when it seemed likely the Nicaragua route would be adopted Colombia assured our government it would assent to the transfer of the Panama Canal Company's franchises to this country, and it also stated the terms upon which it would make the additional concessions desired by our government. Upon the basis of these representations the Panama canal negotiations were entered into, but as soon as it seemed settled that the Panama route would be selected Colombia virtually repudiated her agreement and started to squeeze the United States, aided by the injudicious provision of the act of congress, which made the negotiation of a treaty with Colombia a condition prior to the purchase of the Panama Canal Company. The franchises of that company convey property ownership of the belt of territory traversed by the canal, but our government wants complete jurisdiction as well, and Colombia is now raising her terms and throwing various obstructions in the way which practically mean money exactions in the interest of the revolutionary gang in possession of the government.

If Colombia had Germany or England, or, indeed, any other country to deal with, this attempt at repudiation of national engagements would not be tolerated and would hardly be attempted, but the American eagle is regarded as rather a tame bird, whose tail can be pulled with impunity. It is gratifying to learn that President Roosevelt is disposed to make it known that this country cannot be trifled with even by a power whose weakness and insignificance protects it in dealings with our government. If Colombia does not act reasonably our government should take over the rights of the Panama company, hold Colombia to the consent she has previously given to the transaction, and go ahead with the work. Existing treaty obligations practically vest police jurisdiction in our government, and while more ample sovereignty would be desirable we can get along without it.

AN INEFFECTIVE SYSTEM.

It is said of Cedar Ross, with half-a-dozen or more aliases, that he has spent half of his life in prison. One of his alleged confederates, known by the euphonious title of "Wheeling Red," is also said to have a long prison record, and has just gone to Riverside again. If a part of what is now charged against Cedar is proven he will add to his prison sentence. Then what? Out again and returned to his criminal methods. No self-respect to lose and apparently no fear of punishment to deter him from committing more crimes.

It is for such characters that the West Virginia system provides the only adequate treatment. In that state the third commitment to state prison is for life. It operates in two ways: First, to give the strongest inducement to a twice-convicted criminal to avoid his final sentence by reforming his ways; second, to protect society against the criminal who is incapable of leading an honest life. In both aspects it is a salutary system worthy of imitation by the great state of Pennsylvania. True, the Michigan plan of dealing with young derelicts is the best preventive of criminal careers, as the Michigan statistics indicate, but the other does not conflict with it should the state ever adopt that mode of procedure.

The Pennsylvania system has not recently been improved. It is the old plan of punishing sin. If it ever was effective it has lost much of its virtue through the advance in humanitarian management of prisons. To the sensitive person, shocked by his own crime, the prison has untold terrors, for its name stands for disgrace, but to the natural human derelict it is a place of comfort, where a constitution shattered by dissipation may be built up again. The county prisons in many cases are schools of crime, according to the report of the state charities commission. Consequently successive imprisonments serve only to permit the dissemination of such evil information as the criminal may possess and to further harden his heart against society. It is not meant that Pennsylvania state prisons—and some county prisons—have no influences for reform. We believe that every reasonable artifice and effort are called in play for that purpose. But it is meant that the Pennsylvania system contains nothing to assist in the work of reformation, or for the protection of society from the depredations of the confirmed criminal. Rather the system invites that class to abide here.

A DISCREDITABLE CHAPTER.

Presentation of the case of the non-union men has begun before the anthracite strike commission. The testimony casts discredit upon a considerable element among the late strikers. Vilification, abuse and violence are charged with every appearance of truthfulness about the stories told. This is probably the worst chapter the organized miners will have to face and it is likely to weigh most heavily against them. The commission very properly admits the evidence, for it is an important feature of the inquiry, and the ruling covering the status of non-union labor will be one of the most interesting portions of the commission's final report.

The inquiry started with a frank recognition of the right of workmen to organize for mutual protection. It will fairly end with a declaration that the right to organize does not detract from the right of the individual citizen to remain out of the organization. No matter why he remains out, it is his right, and it is his right to work whenever the terms suit him, whether other men are working or not. The testimony before the commission yesterday disclosed the hideousness of interference with that inherent right of the sovereign citizen and the brutality of threats against his wife and innocent children. It is not assumed these acts were committed by a majority of the union men, or that they had any official sanction by the organization, but every honest union miner must feel his reputation smirched a little by the gross brutality of his more uncouth union brother. Unionism never profited by ruffianly conduct on the part of any of its members or sympathizers, but it has suffered much from that cause.

The best the miners can hope for in connection with the testimony of the non-union men is that members of the commission may distinguish between the union and its unruly members—that it will not charge against the whole body the crimes of a portion. While they are hoping for that broad justice they ought to resolve to set their faces sternly against repetition of such crimes in the future. If the president's commissioners can find it in their hearts to overlook the outrages perpetrated in the name of union labor, the union workman should find it possible to deal justly by his non-union fellow.

Advice to the people exposed to the danger of being held up by highwaymen to "carry a gun and use it" is all well enough, except in the case where the other fellow is handier with the one he carries.

Germany and England might go off in a quiet corner some where and do their fighting over Venezuela, where there would not be so much danger of kicking over the Monroe doctrine bric-a-brac.

If the Pittsburgh theater builders could connect with that endowed scheme behind which stands Mr. Andrew Carnegie there might be something doing.

Mr. Bowen, our minister to Venezuela, seems to be fielding his position finely, while his work in the umpire's box is beyond criticism.

Mr. Quay evidently thinks tarpon fishing much more profitable than watching the antics of his enemies, even though it isn't half as funny.

No one would have believed a few days ago that Pittsburgh real estate would go so high as to topple over and slide down a bank.

Santa Claus is trying mighty hard to put a few steam and street railways into Father Pitt's stocking, despite the old man's kicking.

The weather man is trying to square himself, perhaps, in anticipation of a week of sloppy Christmas weather.

It requires an experienced Christmas shopper to score a touchdown in the present rush at the bargain counter.

The Rockefeller Christmas gifts are enough to make Santa Claus green with envy.

Carnegie on the Trusts.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

It must cause the extreme defenders of trusts keen pain to read what Mr. Carnegie says of the president's attitude toward them. He actually admits that there is "evil" in them, thereby placing himself in the same category as McKinley and Roosevelt and other "revolutionary" persons. Trusts are, he says, "necessary evils; they are not all beneficial, nor are they all harmful. The nation should spank its bad children and be kind to the good ones."

That is really an accurate epitome, expressed in terse language, of what the president has said. Mr. Carnegie, in fact, gives his unequivocal approval to the president's position, declaring that "his message shows that the right road is that which runs between two extremes," and that "he has taken the middle course and leans neither to one side nor the other." That is a perfectly accurate statement of the president's attitude, and whatever inflammed chronic assailants of him may say to the contrary, the popular conception is in accord with Mr. Carnegie's.

Mexico's Trust Problem.

From the Baltimore American.

Mexico is overburdened with trusts and is trying, with the aid of President Diaz, to devise a measure which will afford some relief. It aims at greater publicity regarding the capital, the workings and the profits of these trusts. Should the Mexican congress pass the measure, its operations will be watched with interest, and it may prove a guide for this and other countries that are now struggling with the vexatious problem.

Nothing for the Prohibitionists.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The New York state Prohibitionists cannot get much satisfaction out of the election of John Cunneen, the Democratic candidate for attorney general. He was the only candidate elected on the Democratic state ticket, excepting a judge, and his election was the result of his nomination also by the Prohibitionists. But he has paid no attention to them and has chosen for his office force only Democrats. That is the way the Democrats usually recognize Prohibitionists.

A Serious Menace.

From the New York Mail and Express.

It would be too bad if the Boston foot and mouth disease should attack the anti-imperialists. They are always talking and they are nearly always on the run.

BUSY SEASON FOR NIMBLE FINGERS

Female Shoplifters Attired in Gorgeous Raiment Arraigned in Gotham Court.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
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These are busy days for shoplifters. Incidentally store detectives have plenty to do also, and magistrates' courts are not altogether idle. It is the usual story at Christmas time. It is not peculiar to New York, either, but because the metropolis is so large and there are more people here than in cities of the size of Pittsburgh, shoplifters are more numerous and detectives must be trebly careful. A detective in one of the great department stores remarked with a weary sigh this afternoon that never in his experience of 15 years had he been troubled with so many shoplifters as this season. He attributed it to the good times, of course. It is the regular thing to say that good times are responsible for everything from petty larceny to the long holding up of the Pennsylvania railroad franchise. One peculiarity of the shoplifting clan this year that the majority of them are well-dressed. This may be because pilfering is prospering with every other line of industry, or it may indicate that professional thieves, who are generally well attired, find New York a very fertile field this particular Christmas. Nine women were arraigned before one magistrate in Jefferson Market police court this morning. All of them were expensively clothed in sealskins and other expensive furs with heavy silk gowns and hats bearing the stamp of a Parisian creator. All of them had been very indignant when arrested, but that did not disturb the magistrate. He had seen many of their tribe in the course of several years on the bench and he held each of them for trial with a nonchalance that contrasted dramatically with the excitement of the prisoners. That will keep them out of mischief until the holiday rush is over, at all events. Besides shoplifters there are many other kinds of crooks abroad, and it behooves the New Yorker, as well as the visitor from other cities, to keep a weather eye out for rascality at all times.

Always Keep the Money.

That same old plaintive howl about overcrowded cars became intensified today when one of the "L" trains stuck for an hour because the power was off. Not only one train, either. A long string of them was brought to a standstill and thousands of passengers got out and walked along the tracks to the nearest station to get a surface car. It was noticed that everyone gracefully dodged the "deadly third rail," although, as the power was off, the rail was harmless in all probability. The elevated railroad company resembles a circus management in one particular—it never returns money that it has once received from the public. But it gave checks to passengers that demanded them, each check being good for a ride at some future time.

Former Pittsburgher's Work.

Mark Fenderson, the artist, formerly of Pittsburgh, but who for the last ten years has been a factor in the busy life of New York city, was a caller at the Gazette bureau today. Mr. Fenderson has a studio in Union square and is devoting his talents mainly to illustrating magazines and books, with occasional flights into newspaper pictures. His signature has become as well known in New York attached to bold and characteristic sketches as it used to be in Pitsburgh in the eighties and early nineties.

Carnegie Library No. 8.

The eighth Carnegie library building, plans for which were filed today, will be at 190 and 192 Amsterdam avenue, far up town on the West Side. It will be a three-story brick and limestone edifice and the cost of it will be $67,000.

Sympathy for Vanderbilt.

It is seldom that the illness of a mere multi-millionaire has caused so much real anxiety and sympathy as has been aroused by that of Cornelius Vanderbilt. The downright affection for the young man which has existed in New York since he took the girl of his choice for a bride rather than a magnificent fortune has been evinced powerfully all through his sickness, and this afternoon, when the doctors had about given up hope, expression of deep and sincere sorrow could be heard on all sides. This great community is self-centered, as a rule, but it stopped in its mad rush of business and pleasure many times to talk sadly about the bright young fellow lying in extremis in his Fifth avenue mansion.

Exhibition Promises Well.

Busy times prevail at the National Academy of Design, Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Ninth street. Pictures have been received for the seventy-eighth annual exhibition at the Fine Arts galleries in West Fifty-seventh street, and the record of them keeps the officers of the academy on the jump, if such an expression is allowable in connection with high art. Harry W. Watrous, the secretary, says that the quality of the pictures he has seen so far compares favorably with those of other exhibitions, and there are many of them. Yesterday was the last day for receiving them. The exhibition will open January 3 and continue to the 31st.

Mackenzie Bell Achieves Greatness.

Mr. Mackenzie Bell, a prominent literateur of London, whose poems and other works have had a vogue in this city for the last 10 years, is much in the mouths of the literary set just now on account of his masterly religious lyric, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." It has been set to music as an anthem by Herr George Liebling, and now the Rev. Prof. Carl Glebe of Boehme, Westphalia has translated it into German verse for use throughout Germany. The second edition of the anthem, just published in London by Dr. Charles Vincent, has both the English and German words.

Sleuth Tells Trade Secrets.

Joseph Jacobs, the private detective who was the cause of the raid on Richard Canfield's house, was put through an examination by ex-Gov. Black today that was full of unconscious humor on the part of the witness. Jacobs, under questioning, said that he often "changed his face," wore false mustaches, eyebrows and other embellishments, "to disguise himself" when he was ferreting out crime. It looked as if Mr. Black was asking these questions principally to amuse himself, while Jacobs, lured on by the almost sleepy expression of the ex-governor, told weird stories of sleuthing that would pale the fires of many a lurid dime novel. It was better entertainment than the Molineux case, as a listener who had sat through that famous homicide trial declared as he came out this afternoon.

Children's Theater Proposed.

Charles B. Dillingham wants to get hold of Mrs. Osborn's playhouse to turn it into a children's theater. It is possible that the house might be successful if used in that way. No one can say it has been too well patronized under its present method of management. It will close at the end of next week, it is understood, unless Mrs. Osborn changes her mind.

Lorenz Seeks Divorce.

Dr. Lorenz, the illustrious surgeon, went for a ride today in an electric hansom to get some fresh air. Dr. McGibney, who accompanied him, proposed to take him along Riverside drive, but Dr. Lorenz said he would rather inspect the Bowery. He had heard in Germany of "Suicide hall" and other Bowery resorts, and he wanted to see them. He saw them and was so much refreshed thereby that he went at his operations afterward in the amphitheater of the Cornell University Medical college with redoubled vigor. As a matter of fact, he needed it. He attacked the most difficult case he has had in this city, that of an eight-year-old girl who, he said, was almost beyond the age limit. He mastered it eventually, but it took him a quarter of an hour to do it. He had 600 persons watching him.

They All Own Broadway.

These are the days when drivers need all their coolness and experience in guiding their horses through the throngs of other horses and vehicles without disaster. Of all the crowded spots in Broadway there are none worse than the few blocks between Union and Madison squares. There are two great drygoods stores, patronized mostly by wealthy women in that space, with many other stores where elegance and richness are sought rather than low prices. Naturally, women of this kind come in their private carriages. Each one of the coachmen in charge of those broughams, victorias, coupes or what not, thinks he owns Broadway. He will not yield an inch if he can help it, and were it not that he must be careful of the varnish on the body and wheels of his equipage he would often try to crowd rivals out of his way by main strength. The crush of vehicles this afternoon about 3 o'clock, when shopping was in full blast, was idescribably great. I watched it for a quarter of an hour, in which period no one was killed, while the skill of the drivers would have brought down thunders of applause had it been performed at the horse show in Madison Square garden or at a circus performance. Because it was only an every-day thing in matter-of-fact Broadway no one seemed to think much about it—but it was wonderful, nevertheless.

The Trolley Situation.

One of the means adopted to increase street car facilities on Broadway has proved successful so far as it has gone. It is to use cars six feet longer than the old ones. The Metropolitan Company has put on 100 of these larger cars on Broadway and is operating them on other lines as fast as they can be manufactured. Orin Root, assistant general manager of the company, said this afternoon that the largest number of cars that they have been able to put past Thirty-fourth street in Broadway is 1,150 an hour. He says it beats the record anywhere else in the world. It would be useless to put more cars into operation in Broadway, because they could not get past Thirty-fourth street any faster than they do, and there would be a blockade there. The passenger carrying facilities of New York are always a vexed subject, but the disinterested observer—if there is one in that city—must admit that the company seems to be doing the best it can under the circumstances.

Bowling and Golf in Same Class.

Bowling on Sunday is not a violation of the penal code in New York unless the noise of the balls and pins in the wooden alleys disturbs neighbors. A case was tried before a Harlem magistrate today with a decision in favor of the owner of the alleys. There does not seem any reason for condemning bowling when Sunday golf is permitted, and perhaps that was the view of the magistrate. Almost any kind of amusement "goes" in New York nowadays except buck-and-swing dancing at a sacred concert.

Russell Sage About Again.

Russell Sage was down at his office in Wall street today for the first time in many weeks. He looked well, and as he walked down the street with a firm and springy step he responded to many greetings in his customary cheery way. He does not intend to come down every day, but the bright weather tempted him this morning, and as he had something to attend to he spent a pleasant hour or two on his old stamping ground.

Coal Is Still King.

The dismal news comes that there is no hope of a cessation of the coal famine for the rest of the winter. This is not materially different from all that has been said since the cold weather set in, but people have been hoping against hope and were disposed to believe that the price might come down some time or other. Perhaps it will eventually do so, but there is no probability of it until spring, or, as one disgruntled flat-dweller remarked tonight, "in the good old summer time." GEORGE C. JENKS.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

WALDORF-ASTORIA.
G. M. McCandless. W. H. Singer.
Mrs. W. G. McCandless. A. R. Flinn.
C. Donnelly. G. E. McCague.
A. W. Andrews. Mrs. R. P. Nevin, Jr.
W. L. Abbott. L. T. Brown.
C. L. Taylor. A. C. Dinkey.
E. H. Utley.

NAVARRE
V. G. Converse. Dr. Wm. T. Flower.

HERALD SQUARE.
C. R. Ross.

IMPERIAL.
C. F. Baxmyer. Karl W. Warmcastle.
F. W. Patterson. Harry D. McCutcheon.
John Patterson. Maurice Falk.
Frank Patterson. C. F. Redden.

GRAND.
J. Abbott. D. W. Davis.
C. S. Richardson. W. S. Ross.

HOLLAND.
H. J. Lindsay. John McLeod.
N. A. Bender. James J. Campbell.
Frank B. Smith. W. C. McCausland.
Mrs. Frank B. Smith. G. D. Packer.
Miss Eleanor H. Smith. W. W. Blackburn.
Frank B. Smith, Jr. R. R. Hunt.
J. N. Hastings. D. G. Kerr.
M. W. Toufel. Thomas Morrison.
W. R. Balsinger. G. S. Humbird, Jr.
C. E. Clapp. John J. Liggett.
Mrs. C. E. Clapp. J. W. Cook.

EARLINGTON.
Allan C. Kerr.

VICTORIA.
C. P. Tiers. Mrs. C. P. Tiers.

HOFFMAN.
C. E. McKim. A. T. Smith.
James Lappan. William Smith.
George N. Riley. Mrs. N. Mears.
J. Adams.

FIFTH AVENUE.
F. M. Ross. Joseph Ritter.
C. B. McVay. Miss Lucille Mellon.
Mrs. C. B. McVay.

BARTHOLDI.
O. R. Minnemyer.

MANHATTAN.
W. A. Cassidy. Mrs. D. W. Kuhn and
G. B. Preston. children.
J. B. Jackson. F. R. Holland.
W. Campbell.

ST. DENIS.
R. A. Reilly.

WESTMINSTER.
Mrs. M. Nevin.

MURRAY HILL.
H. A. Kuhn.

ASTOR.
T. M. Rees.

Answers to Correspondents.

Pupil, Liberty School—We have not space to answer your question. Write to the president of the university named.

JOURNALISTIC.

From the Washington Star comes a special number celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the paper. The number is in keeping with the excellence of the paper, which is every day a thing of beauty. The Star was born before the trying days of the civil war and has always been a clean, progressive newspaper. It is yet the property of the founders or their sons and never wavers in policy. The Star has just taken possession of a new eight-story publication building, indicative of its success, which is well deserved. Space forbids any enumeration of the very valuable features of the special number.

The "Philadelphia Inquirer's Baby" is the Christmas supplement to the Inquirer. It is a handsome little book, shedding light mainly upon the way newspapers are made in general and the Inquirer in particular. It is a novelty and as up-to-date as its parent, which is saying a good deal.

Our contemporary, the Mansfield (O.) News, has issued a 52-page holiday edition that does it credit. It is chiefly to celebrate the installation of a new perfecting press that gives it facilities for serving its patrons in first-class style.

PERSONALS

"When Andrew Carnegie came on board the Oceanic at Liverpool two persons were helping him. His condition demanded it," said A. Wishart at the Lincoln last night. Mr. Wishart was a fellow passenger of Mr. Carnegie on his recent trip. He is representing a London firm in this country. "Two days out from land Mr. Carnegie was acting like a 4-year-old. Before we reached New York he was the youngest person on board. I have never seen any one improve so rapidly as he did in this case. His physicians had little to do after the second day. Mr. Carnegie was on deck every day and was one of the most approachable persons on board. All of the passengers knew who he was, and very many of them introduced themselves, just to be able to say afterward that they had spoken with Andrew Carnegie."

Two representatives of the Japanese government railway, the Hokkaido railroad, with headquarters at Sapporo, Japan, are in Pittsburgh inspecting several of the great railway equipment plants of this city. The visitors are F. Tanaka, director of the locomotive and car department, and S. Awano, chief engineer of the maintenance of way department. Among the plants they will visit here are those of the Standard Steel Car Company at Butler, the McConway-Torley Manufacturing Company's plant, where the Janney coupler is made; the Pittsburgh works of the American Locomotive Company, and the local plants of the American Bridge Company. There is little doubt that orders will result from these inspections.

"The price of vegetable seeds is likely to remain about the same as last year," said John W. Kiley of San Jose, Cal., at the Seventh Avenue hotel last evening. Mr. Kiley is in the vegetable and seed business, owning 3,000 acres in the Santa Clara valley, one of the greatest seed producing regions in the world. "The soil of the Santa Clara valley is almost as black as pitch," he said. "The region is particularly fit for this purpose. The crop of the present year has been fair, both in quality and quantity, so that I see no reason for changes in price."

"A person traveling through the agricultural sections of the west today would be more than surprised at the prosperity of the farmers there," said Edgar S. Wright, who represents a carriage trimming company of Philadelphia, at the Union station last night. This is shown in no way better than in the sale of fine carriages. The western roads have been brought to far finer condition than in many of the eastern states. For that reason a fine carriage can be kept in good condition. The farmers have the money and they are buying the best."

"Arizona has been known as more or less a poor state, but there are prospects that its large plains, now practically deserts, can be made very valuable," said John S. Miller, a coffee expert of Cincinnati, O., at the Henry last night. The climate of Arizona is that which best suits coffee raising. The demand of the United States for coffee is increasing so rapidly that the Mexican states near the border have gone into the culture of the berry very extensively in recent years, and now the state of Arizona looms up as a prospective producer."

Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pittsburgh, went to Cincinnati last night on church affairs.

E. B. Taylor, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, went east last night in his private car.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

Among the guests from nearby towns at local hotels yesterday were the following:

Duquesne—Joseph Reisman, Franklin; R. W. Munnell, Waynesburg; G. L. Hatfield, Uniontown; R. C. English, New Castle.

Henry—W. H. Dorfer, Oil City; R. F. Downey, Waynesburg; W. W. Harned and F. A. Dorrn, Akron; H. R. Laughlin, Youngstown; O. B. Howland, Titusville.

Newell's—George Porter, Bradford; G. V. Hamory, Youngstown; J. A. Cadwallader, Titusville; W. H. Hellen and F. J. Hellen, Uniontown; A. J. Thompson, Warren.

Seventh Avenue—W. F. Clayton, Beaver Falls; J. L. Considine, Washington, Pa.; Paul H. Boring, East Liverpool; G. Ira Hege, Waynesburg; J. N. Wooster, Wellsville.

Victoria—Art Seaton and Charles T. Byers, Mercer; R. C. Davis, Wheeling; William Connell, Boyce; G. F. Pritchard, Connellsville.

Anderson—James J. Walton, Johnstown; H. A. Barnhart, Akron; W. H. Ewing and B. F. Holworth, Steubenville, O.; Joseph Webb, New Martinsville.

Lincoln—Mrs. Alexander Glass, Wheeling; Miss May Lynch and Mrs. Thomas Lynch, Greensburg; Niven McConnell and wife, Donora; H. W. Storey, Mrs. H. W. Storey, Mrs. Charles H. Surpes, Johnstown; S. L. Krebs and wife, Greensburg.

Griswold—J. P. Eaton, Amos, W. Va.; Arthur Warren, Bradford; J. F. Wray, Altoona.

Monongahela—J. J. Beck, Youngstown; C. L. Togue, Mannington; N. E. Brewster, Fairmont; J. H. Wurtz, Dawson; W. H. Cook, Uniontown.

Bryan's Chance to Learn Something.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mr. Bryan, it is reported, is going to Mexico to study the workings of free silver upon the spot. This spirit of experimental inquiry is to be commended, and the expedition is undertaken in good time. Mexico is now nearly alone in its adherence to the white metal, and there is even in Mexico a disposition to repeat "the crime of 1873," which the able editor of the Commoner may be able to combat. The need of missionary effort will be apparent when it is stated that Nicaragua has just put its finances on a gold basis—so far, at least, as concerns its public revenues. Government obligations, apparently, may still be discharged in silver or paper, but customs duties are to be reckoned in gold. The truth is that Mexico has maintained the silver standard thus far only by a period of exceptional activity that has given the government a considerable surplus, though at a very great cost to the mass of the people, who are compelled to sell cheap and buy dear. If Mr. Bryan will remain among them long enough, he may obtain some useful information.

The Quarantine Controversy.

From the Philadelphia North American.

The two governors are still at it, and up to date Gov. Stone has scored twice to Gov. Yates' once. The governor of Illinois defended his quarantine proclamation by showing that it did not exclude Pennsylvania's healthy cattle from Chicago's stock yards, and he demanded an apology from Gov. Stone. But Gov. Stone retorts that as no cattle are shipped west there was no reason for issuing any proclamation at all, and he makes the point that the action of the Illinois governor injures the export trade by creating the false impression that there may be danger of disease to Pennsylvania cattle and giving notice to foreign countries of quarantine between the states. From all this it seems plain that the Illinois proclamation was unnecessary, hasty and ill-advised, and that the best interests of all concerned would be served by its recall.

A "Gone By" Issue.

From the Boston Advertiser.

The fact that ex-President Cleveland sat on a public platform with B. T. Washington, the same man whose visits at the White House and entertainment there, during the Roosevelt administration, have caused so much comment, can hardly fail to challenge the attention of the Southern press. It ought to produce some wholesome thinking. The incident derives additional significance because the race question, in its political bearings, has lately sprung into new prominence. With Roosevelt telling the "lily white" Republicans what he thinks of them and Cleveland showing the color line Democrats that he does not care what they think of him, the lesson that the day for making party campaigns on the issue of "negro domination" has gone by ought to be pretty well taught, even to the dullest scholars.

Audacious and Arbitrary.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

One theory advanced is that Emperor William is trying to arrive at an exact definition of the Monroe doctrine. The principle does not prevent the outhand destruction of a South American fleet, but it does forbid the seizure of an inch of American territory by a European power. International law will deal with the past incident as an audacious and arbitrary act.

CURRENT COMMENT.

GRADGRIND AND SANTA CLAUS.

The Camden teacher of a primary school who abolished Santa Claus in her passionate zeal for cast-iron truth must have a conscience compared with which the New England type is a weak, flabby, temporizing counterfeit. She can see no benefit, no beauty, in anything but demonstrated fact, and when she discovers a trace of imagination, fancy or romance in the mind of a child she considers it her solemn duty to extirpate it at any cost, lest the child grow up a victim of delusion, grope through life in the darkness of superstition, and carry the degrading myth of cheery old Kris Kringle to the grave.

Love of truth is fine, but there is something to be said for love of children and kindly sympathy with their little mysteries and make-believes. The Gradgrinds have their place and their uses, no doubt, but the kindergarten does not seem to be the best place for them.

It might be interesting to test the Camden Gradgrind's fidelity to cast-hardened fact by asking her age, but of course nobody would be brute enough to do so cruel a thing.—Philadelphia North American.

ART IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

A very estimable woman, high in the councils of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, takes President Roosevelt to task for harboring in the White House George F. Watts' great picture, "Love and Life." This painting, it may be remembered, was given to the nation by Mr. Watts. At the time there was some anxiety as to the proper disposal of the gift. The picture is one of Watts' finest conceptions, and superior to most of his work in execution. The composition need hardly be recalled to readers of the Evening Post—Life, a frail woman's form steadied along a mountainous pathway by the sturdier figure of Love. Both are nude, and so best express the artist's high thought, which is that love sustains when otherwise the path of life were too difficult to be trod. This is what a normal person of no extraordinary discernment would see in Mr. Watts' beautiful allegory. We presume that this is what President Roosevelt, the temporary custodian of this work of art, sees in it. Of course, it is possible to see it in another light. To the well-intentioned woman who has assumed the charge of the president's artistic morals, it is: "A nude woman going up a cliff in a high wind." There is an appalling truthfulness in this description, and if "Love and Life" were no more than that, we might adopt the plan of that exceedingly chaste century, the seventeenth, which employed painters to clothe the glorious nudities of the Renaissance.—New York Evening Post.

SOUTHERN TRIBUTE TO GEN. YOUNG.

Among the many officers of the United States army who were brought to Augusta in connection with Camp McKenzie, none of them probably attained greater popularity with our people than Gen. S. B. M. Young. When the announcement was made, therefore, that Gen. Young would probably be Gen. Miles' successor as commander in chief when the latter is retired, many in Augusta rejoiced over the likelihood of a gallant soldier receiving deserved reward.

Whether or not Gen. Young will escape the pitfalls into which his predecessor blundered, and proved an able and efficient commander in chief of the army, remains to be seen, of course. He has, however, one circumstance in his favor, for he is said to be in the heartiest agreement with both the president and Secretary Root, and if that is really the case, he can count upon having his hands upheld, where Gen. Miles was left, not only to proceed uncided, but usually to stumble along over obstacles placed in his path. But, however that may be, his many friends in Augusta will wish Gen. Young the utmost success.—Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

MRS. GRANT.

If it were not for the fact that we in America are familiar

WHERE RICH AND POOR RUB ELBOWS

Pathetic Scenes Found Among Throngs of Christmas Shoppers.

DELIGHT FOR CHILDREN

They Stand in Mute Wonder Before Dazzling Windows and Counters Piled High With Toys—Express Rates Put Up.

There is no better place for observing human nature than in one of the big department stores during the few weeks prior to Christmas. The big store at this time is a mart where rich and poor meet together. The only apparent difference between them is that the rich get more attention from clerks, and the poor find more pleasure in looking at the wonderful displays.

This latter fact is especially true of the poor children. Their delight at beholding, perhaps for the first time, the hundreds of novelties manufactured for sale during the Christmas season, must touch even the most hard-hearted. The children of the rich scan everything rather critically, and are deliberate in choosing from the various displays.

It is worth one's while to walk into any of the big downtown stores any day at the present time. In one store yesterday a crowd of women and children stood about a long counter, upon which reposed hundreds of dolls of various sizes and prices.

Chance to Bring Happiness.

Most of the children in the crowd were girls, and the different expressions of wonder and delight head in five minutes sent one away thinking that if there are in Pittsburgh any rich who hold Mr. Carnegie's notion that it is a sin to die rich, they have every opportunity to get rid of their gold, in a manner that will bring pleasure to hundreds of children, and will give in return a reward of happy smiles and glad hearts.

In this store yesterday the reporter noticed one solitary man. He was old, and his face told of Irish birth and blood. With him was a young woman and a very small girl. The child, after being jostled about in the crowd for a time, got close to the counter and laid her small hands on a cheap doll. Just to hold that treasure had been one of the dreams of that little one, for when told to put it down, as her mother and grandfather were leaving, she cried as though her heart would break.

"Never mind, Nellie; Santy 'll bring you one."

"If he don't won't you get me one?" the child asked.

"Oh, yes; gran'pa will get you one."

Before a Shop-Window.

The old man could promise anything, but judging from the air of poverty about the trio, he could get little to gladden her heart on Christmas morning.

This is but one of the scenes witnessed in the downtown stores. Any one can get material for much thought and considerable entertainment by simply standing in front of some of the show windows where crowds congregate. Here the observer will think that children must be a necessary adjunct to shoppers, there are so many of them.

At one store, where in the large window an improvised toboggan has been placed, down which representatives of every animal known to Noah slide, the children gather every day, and stand in delighted wonder, feasting their eyes on treasures they may never own.

Such scenes of bustle and confusion around express offices have never been witnessed before. According to the employes of the express companies this year eclipses all records in the amount of business.

Express Rates Go Up.

The rush started earlier in the season and is greater than any ever experienced. And this, despite the fact that express charges have been increased considerably within the past few weeks.

All the express companies in the United States have entered into an agreement whereby the rates on packages of all weights have been increased. The change was made just in time to anticipate the great Christmas trade. The classes known as the 50 and 75-cent packages have been raised about 25 per cent, and all other classes at about a like ratio.

In all the large stores the conditions at present are similar to those attending a sale of marked-down goods. The percentage of men in the shopping crowds is infinitely small, but thousands of women crowd together and jostle one another, to get near the counters in every department. Storekeepers say that the unusual trade is simply an evidence of the remarkable prosperity prevailing in the country this year.

PITTSBURGH CROOKS NOW DRAW SALARIES

Sensational Disclosure Made at Trial of Policeman Mahoney at Chicago.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—There was a sensation today in the trial of Patrick Mahoney, charged with complicity with the burglary of Hagamann's jewelry store, when the testimony brought to light the fact that the county of Cook is supporting and paying weekly salaries to James Clark and Thomas Barry, the self-confessed burglars and safe-crackers from Pittsburgh, who are the star witnesses for the prosecution. Clark yesterday described on the witness stand how he and his pal had blown open the big safe in the jewelry store, explaining in detail the modus operandi of cracking safes.

Today he testified that since he became connected with the investigation of Policeman Mahoney's share in the burglary he has been receiving $10 a week from Detective Tyrrell of the state's attorney's office. The sautement caused a sensation in court and the defense thought it had discovered a snare's nest. State's Attorney Deneen in court announced that he, as state's attorney, had furnished the money for the living expenses of the two crooks. The "Smoky City" fellows jocularly remarked, when questioned privately about the matter, that both were without money when released from the Bridewell a few weeks ago, and the state's attorney had provided them with means until after the present trial; otherwise they might have been forced to crack another safe to get money to live on.

Xmas Postoffice Schedule.

The schedule for Christmas at the Pittsburgh postoffice was announced yesterday. It provides that the money order department be kept closed all day. The registry depaftment will be open for business until noon and the general delivery window will be closed from noon to 6 p. m. The stamp window will be open from 7 a. m. to noon, but stamps will be on sale at the general delivery window after 6 p. m. The carrier and box windows will be open until noon and carriers in the business section will make a delivery at 7:15 a. m. and a second at the arrival of the morning mail from the east. Street railway postal cars will make a trip at 9 a. m. and at 5:40 p. m.

MOORE'S NAME IS WELL RECEIVED

Others Beside Citizens Approve of Him as Fusion Canidate.

THE RING'S ATTITUDE

Old Organization May Also Indorse Moore—Nothing in the Judgeship-District Attorneyship Deal.

The proposition to make Harry Moore the fusion candidate for recorder, now that the people have had a day or so to think it over, seems to be meeting with the approbation of others besides the Citizens party leaders. Members of the old organization also feel friendly, and there is talk that Mr. Moore may be indorsed at the organization's primaries to be held on the first Saturday in January.

There is some talk to the effect that the organization is preparing to make overtures to the Citizens party relative to an indorsement of Mr. Moore's candidacy. Leaders of the old organization will not, however, discuss the candidacy of Mr. Moore at present. Before committing themselves to his support they may want to know how they will fare in case of his election.

In the meantime the work of fusing is being prosecuted. Chairman George W. Guthrie of the Democratic committee was busy yesterday considering names for his list of five Democrats to be appointed as a committee to confer with the Citizens party leaders on fusion. Mr. Guthrie said late in the afternoon that he was not ready to announce the names; that he preferred to consult those whom he intended to choose to get their consent to act.

Whether it would suit the Democrats to fuse with the Citizens on Mr. Moore's candidacy cannot, of course, be determined until the complexion of the committee has developed, or until it meets with the Citizens party's committee; but it is asserted that there is no reason why it should not suit the Democrats to indorse Mr. Moore, in case the Citizens committee presents his name for consideration.

The old organization is uncovering a few possibilities for the recordership nomination. W. L. Mustin is spoken of. Mr. Mustin said yesterday that the mention of his name came as a surprise, but he was not indulging in political dreams and had given no thought to the recordership. Newton A. Hemphill, also mentioned, said he had given up his connection with the firm of Mackintosh, Hemphill & Co. to devote his attention to private affairs, and under no consideration would he accept the recordership nomination, even if it were given him by all factions. Ex-Mayor William J. Diehl says he is not a candidate and cannot be induced to enter the race. Col. A. M. Logan is again mentioned as a possible recipient of the old organization's nomination.

The report that there is a judgeship-district attorneyship deal was authoritatively denied yesterday. The story was that Gov. Stone was to promote Judge Robert S. Frazer of common pleas court No. 2 to fill the vacancy on the superior court bench, caused by the retirement of Judge John I. Mitchell because of ill-health, and that to the vacancy thus created in the common pleas court District Attorney John C. Haymaker was to be promoted by the governor, leaving a vacancy in the district attorneyship that was to be filled by one of several men mentioned.

It is now known from statements made by warm personal friends of Judge Frazer that he does not desire the elevation to the superior court bench, as he considers the common pleas judgeship, in which he still has a long term to serve, as a more desirable and more congenial position. That Gov. Stone may be thinking of appointing some Allegheny county judge, either Judge S. A. McClung or Judge J. D. Shaffer, to fill the Mitchell vacancy, is considered as possible, but if he does name a Pittsburgher the appointment will be made without any reference to the district attorneyship or to the promotion of the present incumbent of that office to the bench. A dispatch from Harrisburg yesterday stated that Judge Josiah Cohen of the orphans court was a candidate for the vacancy on the superior court; that Judge Cohen was in Harrisburg and had had a talk with the governor.

CHURCH HAS RAISED $30,000 IN SINGLE WEEK

Calvary Methodist Episcopal Congregation Will Celebrate Tenth Anniversary.

During the past week the Calvary Methodist Episcopal church of Allegheny has secured pledges of $30,000, which will wipe out the entire church debt. The 10th anniversary of the church will be celebrated next Sunday, when this money will be placed in the collection boxes. The Rev. James M. Thoburn, Jr., pastor of the church, has been untiring in his efforts to secure this money in order that his church could start upon a new decade without a cent of debt outstanding. Calvary church was formerly a part of Christ church, Pittsburgh, from which it split in 1892. Christ church cleared its debt of the same amount on November 23, a week before it celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Calvary church was built about nine years ago and cost $330,000. Of this amount the last $30,000 remains unpaid. Dr. Thoburn visited the wealthy members of his parish and solicited funds from them to pay the debt. A congregational meeting was held in the church last night, at which Dr. Thoburn reported that the entire amount had been pledged.

There are about 20 subscribers in all who have pledged themselves for amounts aggregating the $30,000. The sums range from $6,000 downward, there being one contribution of the former amount, one of $3,000, six of $1,000, and the balance in smaller amounts. Elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration of the anniversary next Sunday.

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COAL WILL LAST UNTIL YEAR 2052

Mercer Mine Inspector Says It Will Be Gone in Century and Half.

MINE MULE IS DEFENDED

Supt. Byers Asserts That He Should Not Be Worked More Than Ten Hours a Day and Is a Gentle Animal.

In the year 2052 the last lump of coal in the United States will be mined, according to the statement of Thomas K. Adams, a mine inspector of Mercer, Pa., who read a paper at yesterday's session of the Western Pennsylvania Central Mining Institute at the Allegheny county court house. Mr. Adams' topic was one of a wide range of subjects considered at the meeting. Freight congestion and the number of working hours for mules also were discussed.

Mr. Adams' deductions are unique. His paper was largely technical, showing the location and formation of several coal veins throughout the bituminous district. He said there was about enough coal in the United States to last 700 years, at the present rate of consumption, but pointed out that the demand was doubled every 10 years, and should the ratio continue, the coal would be exhausted in about 150 years.

Discussed the Mule.

Mr. Adams spoke at length of the comparative quality of coal found throughout Pennsylvania, and declared that coal mined in Indiana and adjoining counties was practically useless for coke-making and manufacturing purposes.

John W. Byers, superintendent of farms and live stock for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Fraifchance, Pa., read a paper on "Pit Stock, and Their Management." He said that in the last two years there had been an increase of 40 per cent in the first price of pit stock and that in consequence there should be better stables provided for the animals, if the best results are to be expected.

He declared that the mule was not naturally vicious, and that if some human beings were treated in the same manner they would become outlaws. He said the mules should have comfortable quarters and should not be obliged to work more than 10 hours a day.

Great Injury of Congestion.

At the morning session Frederick C. Keightley, president of the insitute, spoke of the effect of freight congestion upon the mining interests. He said:

The railroads of this section are unable to respond to the requirements of the times and today furnaces by the score are banked, mills, foundries and factories are either idle or running on short time all over the land. Labor is out of employment, when but for this fact there would be a great demand for it. Just at a time when labor can least afford to be idle for the reason that food and fuel are both scarce and high, and the holiday season is immediately before us. Yet today in this busy city the very people who are responsible for this national calamity, for calamity it is, have the effrontery to try to prevent other people from providing the way and the means that they have so ingloriously failed to provide themselves, that is, the great and vaunted railroad systems that have been paraded before the whole world as patterns of progression and good management, have fallen down behind their own records at but a year ago.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuring year: President, Fred C. Keighley; vice presidents, Charles Connor and Austin King; secretary and treasurer, J. G. Robe; assistant secretary, Elias Phillips; auditors, Ruben Street and John Britt; Fred C. Keighley, editor.

HEARD GOOD REPORTS.

Baptist Union Meets and Learns of New Churches Building.

The monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Baptist union, also known as the City Mission society, was held last night in the Fourth Avenue church. J. Henry Stauff, the president of the union, presided. Encouraging reports from the various districts were heard. It was announced that work had been begun on the new Baptist church in Forty-sixth street, above Butler, to be known as the Forty-sixth Street Baptist church. This building when finished will have cost $10,000.

A new finance committee was appointed, as follows: W. E. Lincoln, F. R. B. Yourison, J. B. Scott, J. T. Kirby, W. S. Brown, H. P. Donner, D. R. Lauman, A. A. Andrews, Carl Grimm and W. E. Downey. Other committees appointed were the building and property, application, new work, and missions. The next meeting will be held in the Fourth Avenue church on the third Thursday in January.

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Factory Inspector Campbell Says Certificates Were Deceiving.

MAY MAKE INFORMATION

Children Who Told Strike Commission They Were Under 13 Years Old Had Been Reported to Be Above That Age.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—Deputy Inspector E. W. Bishop, who was directed by Factory Inspector Campbell to investigate the question of child labor in the mining regions, which was developed in the hearing of testimony by the coal strike commission, today reported that there is sufficient evidence to proceed against the parents or the children, who testified before the commission, for perjury.

Deputy Bishop says in his report that the commission did not allow him to show the certificates, in which the parents of five of the girls had perjured themselves in order to deceive the inspectors. He showed them, however, to Judge Gray, and to Mr. Darrow, of counsel for the miners, and Maj. Everett Warren, attorney for the coal trust. Mr. Bishop says:

"I said to Judge Gray that I thought, considering what had been said by the girls and their parents, the certificates should be allowed in as evidence. He said he could see no good reason to allow it, and further that all were now well satisfied that the factory department had done all that could be done under the circumstances. He told me he thought the law should be so amended that girls and boys should not be allowed to work at night."

Mr. Bishop accompanied his report with five certificates sworn to by the parents of children, that they were over 13 years of age, when it was shown before the strike commission that the children were not that old, but were really under the legal age limit.

Inspector Campbell will prosecute the justices of the peace and aldermen who have been conniving at the evasion of the law in signing and sealing certificates of parents that their children at work in factories are over the legal age.

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DEATHS.

ALEXANDER—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, at 9:45 p. m., of scarlet fever, LEE H. ALEXANDER, aged 37 years.

Funeral services at the chapel of I. Willison & Son, No. 600 Cedar avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

BEPLER—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, at 8:30 p. m., LILIAN M. BEPLER, aged 28 years.

Funeral services at the residence of her sister, Mrs. George H. Childs, No. 615 California avenue, Avalon, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.

[Myersdale and Tarentum (Pa.) and Frostburg (Md.) papers please copy.]

BOND—On Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 5:30 a. m., at the family residence, Virginia avenue and Oneida street, Duquesne Heights, ANNIE M., beloved wife of William Bond, aged 65 years.

Funeral services at Grace Episcopal church, Bertha street, Mt. Washington, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLAREY—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 11:40 p. m., at Jeannette, Pa., PATRICK A. CLAREY, husband of Clara A. Clarey (nee McClusky).

Funeral from the residence of his mother, Johanna Clarey, No. 77 Beltzhoover avenue, Thirty-eighth ward, on Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Canice's church at 9. The members of Marquette council, No. 435, Y. M. I., and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

ERVINE—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, at 3:30 p. m., ROBERT HENRY ERVINE, in the 37th year of his age.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m., at the late residence, Chatsworth avenue, near Mobile street, Hazelwood. Friends of the family and L. O. L. No. 25 are respectfully invited to attend.

EVANS—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 7:30 p. m., at her residence, No. 15 Shingiss street, MISS ELIZABETH EVANS, in her 63d year.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HALF—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 9 p. m., ISAAC HALF, aged 61 years.

Funeral services at the residence, No. 1125 North Euclid avenue, East End, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

MEANS—Suddenly of pneumonia, on Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 12:35 a. m., at Pittsburgh, Pa., MRS. HARRY G. MEANS (nee Emma Smith) of Brookville, Pa.

MOHLMAN—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 10 p. m., FRANK W., son of Henry and Wilhelmina Mohlman of Greentree, Pa., in his 27th year.

Funeral services at the residence of his parents, Washington avenue, Greentree, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Carriages will leave Hershberger's stables, West End, at 1 p. m.

RHODES—On Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 4 p. m., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. William J. Hitchcock, Youngstown, O., MRS. ELIZABETH PEEBLES RHODES, widow of James Rhodes of New Castle, Pa.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 188 Lincoln avenue, New Castle, Pa., on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

RUSSELL—Suddenly, on Monday evening, December 15, 1902, at 10 o'clock, at his residence, 226 Bertha street, Mt. Washington, WILLIAM O. RUSSELL, aged 55 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

[Tiffin (O.) and Bedford (Mass.) papers please copy.]

SHUKER—On Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 9 a. m., MARGARET, wife of Harry Shuker, and daughter of Agnes and the late Daniel Davies, aged 21 years, 10 months, 6 days.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 2838 Second avenue, near Morris street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WEIR—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, MARY A., wife of W. W. Weir, late of Philadelphia, Pa., and daughter of Sarah J. and the late Charles Latterner, in the 46th year of her age.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m., at her late residence, No. 515 Sandusky street, Allegheny.

WEIS—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, at 10 p. m., at the residence of her son, Louis Uhlenberg, in Pine township, MARY WEIS, in her 72d year.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Carriages will leave end of Perrysville avenue car line at 7:30 a. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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A BRILLIANT EVENT

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Frick of Pittsburgh are the guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and were among those present at the state banquet tonight. They will remain there until Saturday, when they will be entertained by the Attorney General and Mrs. Knox.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave the first state function of the season tonight, when the cabinet officials and the ladies of their families were the guests of honor. The occasion was notable for many reasons. It was the first time that the East room and adjoining drawing rooms have been opened for use since the renovation of the White House. Two of the former members of the president's cabinet, Lyman J. Gage and Charles Emory Smith, were among the guests, and the occasion was rendered still more interesting from the fact that Senator Algar accepted hospitality at the White House for the first time since he retired from the cabinet in the autumn of 189.

Mrs. Roosevelt received the guests in a beautiful new gown of pale pink brocade, trimmed with ecru lace, the first robe not made of white material which she has worn since coming to the White House. It was a most becoming change. With the new color the mistress of the White House selected a new flower. She carried meteor roses instead of the purple orchids so familiar last winter.

Received in the East Room.

The guests entered through the basement and occupied the dressing rooms on the ground floor. These rooms are very commodious and are furnished completely and in costly and effective style. They ascended to the East room, where they were welcomed by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. This fine apartment is simplicity and elegance combined. The walls are covered in panels made of carved wood, enamelled in pure white. There are four large colonial mantles, all made of French marble, each of a different shade, and surmounted by mirrors framed in heavy gold. Between the windows are panels representing Aesop's Fables and well-known mythological scenes. The whole is an exact reproduction of the Marie Antoinette drawing room at Compeigne.

In the main lobby were hangings of crimson velvet and rugs of corresponding color, a feature which gives a homelike air to the main entrance. Two classic urns for flowers are conspicuous ornaments of the lobby. Tonight they were filled with holly and evergreen and presented an attractive appearance. Brass lamps similar to those in the East room are in the lobby.

The Green and Red rooms are completed and were used by the guests tonight. Only the Blue room needs the finishing touches, in the state dining room the renovations were greatly admired. The guests were seated at a circular table laden with meteor roses and ferns.

The List of Guests.

The following were the guests: The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay, Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson, Secretary to the President and Mrs. Cortelyou, Col. and Mrs. Bingham, Capt. and Mrs. Cowles, President of the Senate pro tempore, the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Henderson, Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Hale, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Senator Proctor, Senator and Mrs. Foraker, Senator and Miss Cockrell, Senator O. H. Platt, Senator Beveridge, Senator and Mrs. Quay, Senator Morgan, Senator T. C. Platt, Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks, Senator and Miss Kean, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Representative Cannon, Representative and Mrs. Payne, Representative and Mrs. Dalzell, Representative and Mrs. Rixey, Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Hon. and Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Frick, Col. and Mrs. William R. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt, Gen. Young, Mr. Charles F. McKim, Commissioner and Mrs. William D. Foulke, Miss Hitchcock.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

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Katharine Lenhart	Pittsburgh
John Schmidt	Homestead
Florence Solamy	Homestead
Homer E. Whitemore	Pittsburgh
Mary E. Bowling	Irwin
James Gavin	New York
Mary Marshall	Pittsburgh
William L. Stewart, Jr.	Homestead
Martha J. H. Lowers	Coal Bluff
Jeremiah A. Stewart	Kittanning
Mary E. Hill	Tarentum
William Linn	Pittsburgh
Norma B. Smith	Pittsburgh
William Ravenstahl	Allegheny
Margaret Stelgerwald	Allegheny
Charles H. Allen	Youngstown, O.
Mildred Gehrke	New Castle
Edward T. Moore	Allegheny
Mary Stokers	Pittsburgh
Charles A. Everett	Reading
Mumatta N. Wilson	Marshall
Christian Simmons	Mt. Oliver
Catherine C. Herschbein	Mt. Oliver
William H. Strother	Pittsburgh
Sylvia Green	Pittsburgh
Charles J. Sweeny	Pittsburgh
Georgie Tory	Allegheny
Conrad P. Krauss	Pittsburgh
Clara R. Smith	Pittsburgh
Georgea Burckel	Allegheny
Lena Schladenhauten	Allegheny
Samuel Irwin	Pittsburgh
Minnie Collins	Pittsburgh
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Gov. and Mrs. Stone Introduce Their Daughter to Society in Brilliant Fashion.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—The reception at the executive mansion this evening in honor of the entrance into society of Miss Jean, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Stone, was one of the most brilliant affairs ever given during the administration of any governor at the official residence.

The reception was attended by over 500 persons, including guests from Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and other cities where the debutante has friends, and members of the governor's cabinet and other state officials. An innovation in the location of the receiving party was that it stood in the alcove in the blue room on the second floor of the mansion instead of the parlor, as heretofore. Gov. and Mrs. Stone and daughter, Miss Jean, were assisted in receiving by the Misses Rodgers and Doty of Pittsburgh, Fealy of Washington, D. C., Watson of Williamsport, Winter of Indianapolis and Swindell of Baltimore. Back of the receiving party were the staffs of Gov. Stone and Maj.-Gen. Miller, in full uniform, forming a most brilliant background.

In the receiving room the decorations were American Beauty roses and violets. The great parlor, which was used as a ballroom, was decorated with holly, mistletoe and Christmas bells of red immortelles. Hidden in the floral decorations were small red and green electric lights. The dining-room was banked with poinsetta and holly, and the center table was banked with American Beauty roses.

The reception lasted from 9 to 11 o'clock, after which there was dancing. The orchestra was hidden behind a large floral screen.

WOMAN'S CORNER

The Ideal Hostess.

The ideal hostess has an evenness of temperament that soothes and refreshes, and, above all things, she is sympathetic. In her face and manner is reflected some of the emotion that controls your own. No matter what you may tell her, whether a story of joy or sorrow, of aims or ambitions, she listens with appreciation. By her face she shows her keen interest in all that concerns you.

The ideal hostess is unselfish. She is ready and willing at all times to sacrifice any passing fancy or whim of her own if, thereby, she can add to the pleasure of others. And it is this spirit of unselfishness that contributes largely in making affairs a success. She looks after each guest with equal attention, no matter what her personal preferences may be.

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The Cup of Coffee.

Mocha and Java coffee mixed—one-third of the former and two-thirds of the latter—is considered the most satisfactory combination by the majority of persons. Buy coffee in small quantities and unground; keep in air-tight cans and grind it only as required. The finer it is ground the stronger will be the extract. There are many kinds of coffeepots in use, and many are modifications of the French coffee pot or biggin. The coffee should be ground as fine as the mill will make it. Allow half a cupful of the ground coffee to a generous quart of water; this makes sufficient for five cupfuls of coffee. Place the coffee in the cloth or strainer in the top of the pot arranged for the purpose, pour the boiling water upon it and set the pot back, allowing the water to filter slowly. When it has filtered through, set the pot over the heat, and when the coffee it just at the bubbling point pour it out and at once return it to the top of the pot to filter again; do this a third time and then serve at once. This process produces a clear, bright coffee and needs only five minutes if the heat is brisk.

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Using Cold Turkey.

The aftermath of Christmas feasting is usually turkey hash or turkey soup. A change from this is turkey canape, a most enjoyable entree. Cut into dice a pint and a half of cold turkey and place it over the fire in a stew or sauce pan containing a sauce made from two tablespoonfuls of flour and one of butter, a scant pint of milk, a cupful of fresh mushrooms, two finely chopped truffles, salt, paprika and a dash of nutmeg. Before removing from the fire add a cupful of cream at the last moment, the well-beaten yolks of two eggs and, if desired, a wineglassful of Madeira wine. This may be prepared in the chafing dish and served on crisp toast, or, if preferred, in individual dishes, ramekins, etc. If the wine be used, it may be added a few minutes before the eggs and cream. The mixture must not be allowed to cook after putting in the eggs and cream, well beaten together, or the sauce will curdle. It must be served promptly.

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In Emergency.

When guests come in unexpectedly one is often greatly perplexed over the possibilities of the larder. The country housekeeper, even more than her city sister, has need of a reserve stock of canned goods. She usually has the advantage of a more abundant supply of eggs, milk and possibly cream. The latter, if thick enough to be whipped, can be the basis of many a delightful dessert; if thin it takes the place of a sauce for cold or hot puddings. Rich cakes keep well, and pound or fruit cake can always be utilized. If for lunch or supper serve it sliced, with cream or fresh fruit. For dinner pound or stale cup or even sponge cake can be cut into pieces of suitable size, each piece dipped in a little canned fruit juice or wine, laid on a saucer and covered with a few spoonfuls of thick whipped cream.

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In the Refrigerator.

The refrigerator or cold closet is naturally the first to be visited when catering in an emergency. The careful cook or housekeeper knowing their value, puts aside all bits to be used for subsequent meals. Cold cereals are pressed into cups or molds to be later on sliced and fried or toasted; cooked meats are freed from bone, gristle and fat and covered to prevent drying out; if to be converted into a salad, vegetables such as peas, beets or cauliflower are freed from any dressing or sauce by a thorough rinsing in boiling water and are drained and covered. Lettuce, celery or other greens are sprinkled and kept crisp by wrapping in a thick cloth partly wrung out of cold water. A good rule, which has few exceptions, is to keep each food under separate cover. There are certain articles which grow stale long before spoiling, bread being the best example. When not too old to be easily cut, stale bread makes fine toast, which can be either served with a cream or vegetable sauce or used as a garnish for hash or a stew. If too stale for this it should be placed on a pan in a cool, open oven until thoroughly dry, then be passed through a grinder or chopper and put aside in glass jars covered with cheesecloth, which admits sufficient air to keep the crumbs from smelling close and stale. Broken crackers may be similarly treated, but the shortening which they contain tends to soften them and they must be frequently redried or they grow musty.

WHAT TO EAT.

Some Valuable Suggestions for the Kitchen and Dining Room.

Conducted by Lida Ames Willis, Marquette building, Chicago, to whom all inquiries should be addressed.
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MENUS.

Saturday.

BREAKFAST.
Fruit.
Cereal, Cream,
Bacon and Fried Apples,
Toast, Coffee.

LUNCH.
Broiled Oysters on Toast, Brown Sauce,
Hot Potato Salad,
Deep Apple Pie, Cream,
Cocoa.

DINNER.
Clear Soup,
Potted Pigeons, Mashed Potatoes,
Creamed Cauliflower,
Orange Salad,
Cranberry Whip. Coffee.

Sunday.

BREAKFAST.
Prune Toast, Whipped Cream,
Plain Omelet, Tomato Puree,
Milk Biscuit, Coffee.

DINNER.
Cream of Cauliflower Soup,
Breast of Lamb Rolled and Roasted, Boiled Rice,
Creamed Peas,
Tomato Jelly Mayonnaise,
Cheese, Wafers, Coffee.
Apple Fanchocnites,

SUPPER.
Jellied Chicken. Celery Mayonnaise,
Sliced Oranges and Bananas, Tea.

Monday.

BREAKFAST.
Fruit,
Cereal, Cream,
Broiled Ham, Baked Potato,
Muffins, Coffee.

LUNCH.
Creoled Eggs on Toast,
Caramel Sweet Potatoes,
Orange and Nut Salad, Soft Gingerbread,
Tea.

DINNER.
Clam Bouillon,
Cold Lamb Sliced, Scalloped Potatoes,
Spinach with Eggs,
Cottage Pudding, Lemon Sauce.
Coffee.

Tuesday.

BREAKFAST.
Baked Apples, Cream,
Broiled Bacon, Creamed Potatoes,
Rolls, Coffee.

LUNCH.
Tomato Bisque,
Minced Lamb on Toast,
Stewed Tomatoes,
Stewed Fruit, Wafers,
Cocoa.

DINNER.
Vegetable Soup,
Beefsteak Pie with Raised Crust,
Mashed Potato, String Beans,
Egg Slaw,
Apple Pudding, Coffee.

An Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Edward M. Lazarus announces the engagement of her sister, Miss Blanche J. Schwarz, to Louis D. Levi of Erie, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus and Miss Schwarz will be at home on Sunday, December 28, at their residence in Sheffield street, Allegheny.

SOCIETY

THE seniors of the Pennsylvania College for Women last evening closed the fall term of study with one of the best amateur dramatic entertainments ever seen in Pittsburgh. Oliver Goldsmith's time-honored play, "She Stoops to Conquer," was chosen for the occasion and was presented with an artlessness and forcefulness most charming to see. Dilworth hall was crowded with the undergraduates and friends of the students and of the college, and the entertainment, marking the end of the term, was conducted with a social eclat exceptional even at this college.

The sophomores acted as ushers, and pretty gowns and hats were noticeable throughout the hall. The patronesses of the entertainment were Mrs. John Nevin, Mrs. William Flinn, Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter, Mrs. Lawrence Dilworth, Mrs. Joseph Dilworth and Mrs. Aaron French.

The play was presented in costume and with appropriate scenery, the stage being fitted for the first act as Mr. Hardcastle's house in scene I, and as the inn in scene II. The second, third and fourth acts returned to the setting of Mr. Hardcastle's house, and the final act represented the garden. The quaint costumes of England a century ago were reproduced in the scenes on the stage, the girlish figures adapting them to the occasion most gracefully.

The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Charles Marlow...Jennie Emma McSherry
Young Marlow.....Anna Myra Petty
Hardcastle.....Sara Pfeil
Hastings.....Ruth Frances Johnston
Tony Lumpkin.....Anna Rodgers Hunter
Diggory.....Jennie Emma McSherry
Mrs. Hardcastle.....Eleanor Fitzgibbon
Miss Hardcastle.....Harriet Templeton Duff
Miss Neville.....Hilda Ridley Sadler
Maid.....Jennie Emma McSherry

Miss Pfeil made much of the difficult role of Hardcastle, presenting the character with both ingeniousness and humor. Miss McSherry, first as Mrs. Marlow, and later as Diggory, and the maid, assumed her various characters with naive and artless grace. Miss Anna Hunter also, as Tony Lumpkin, made much of her role, and young Marlow and Hastings were admirably presented by Miss Petty and Miss Johnston. Miss Fitzgibbon was an admirable English dame, while the winning and wayward Kate Hardcastle was happily portrayed by Miss Duff. The Miss Neville of Miss Hilda Sadler was a pleasing foil. The lines were well delivered and the play was presented with art and force.

Mr. Joseph H. Gittings contributed a musical program between the acts, and the close of the play was followed by an informal reception in the college drawing rooms. Today at noon the college will close for the Christmas holidays, and all of the students will leave for their homes or to visit school friends.

Last evening, preceding the play, Dr. and Mrs. D. Chalmers Martin gave a dinner for the resident students and the members of the faculty. The president's Christmas dinner has become an annual affair, and last evening it was a most enjoyable one.

Reception at the Maples.

Mrs. Warrington Warwick gave a large at home yesterday afternoon at "The Maples" in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. Robert Wray, her niece, and Miss Louise Magee, the debutante. It was a large and general affair, the first entertainment with the exception of Mrs. Wray's wedding in October, which has taken place in the house since the death of C. L. Magee nearly two years ago. Mrs. Warwick is presiding as hostess at "The Maples," during the extended absence of her sister, Mrs. Magee, in Europe.

The reception hours yesterday were from 4 o'clock until 6. Mrs. Warwick and her young guests of honor received in the music room, and assisting them was a large group of relatives and a few intimate friends, of both the bride and debutante. The exquisite white and gold music room, with its slightly raised dais at one end, made a beautiful setting for the receiving party. Masses of fine tropical plants and a profusion of American Beauty roses were the simple decorations most effectively arranged. Mrs. Warwick received in a rich brocaded gown of pale lavender tint, trimmed with handsome lace. Mrs. Wray wore her wedding gown of white duchess satin and point lace, and the debutante appeared in a dainty gown of white mousseline and lace. Assisting them were Mrs. Albert L. Pease, a sister of the hostess, and Mrs. F. Willard Arnold of Massillon, O., who are house guests of Mrs. Warwick; Mrs. Alberta C. McCallum, Mrs. James Neale, Mrs. James Verner Scaife, Mrs. John Fremont Steel, Mrs. W. Addison Magee, Mrs. Mortimer C. Miller, Mrs. Horace C. Dravo, Mrs. William Flinn, Mrs. Lawrence Litchfield, Miss McCallam, Miss Eleanor Gilmore McCallam, Miss Rachel McMasters Miller, Miss Wightman, who is visiting Mrs. Mortimer C. Miller; Miss Clara Dravo, Miss Marie Dravo, Miss Lucy Hay, Miss Eva Stoner, Miss Rebecca Jennings, Miss Edna Sutton and Miss Elsie Metcalf.

The decorations were very handsome. Holly and southern smilax were gracefully arranged in the large reception hall, garlands of the smilax and ground pine were looped upon the staircase and tied with broad sashes of scarlet ribbons and oddly-shaped red willow baskets hung from the high ceiling and from the chandeliers, the baskets being filled with pine and holly and suspended by broad red ribbons. In the library also holly and smilax prevailed. The dining room, a large and handsome apartment, was decorated yesterday in red. The lights were shaded by dainty, flower-like shades in crimson, while holly and pine formed the centerpiece upon the large table, with its beautiful appointments. The drawing room was in yellow, its delicately paneled walls in pale yellow forming the keynote of color, further carried out by the masses of exquisite yellow roses which adorned the apartment. Music was an enjoyable feature of the entertainment.

The afternoon at home was followed by a large dinner for Mrs. Wray and Miss Magee, and the assisting ladies, together with other friends of the young people.

Braddock Women's Club Meeting.

The Women's club of Braddock held its semi-monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the Carnegie Free Library hall, Burton street, Braddock. It was the last meeting of the present year. Mrs. Fogal G. Bishop of Rankin read an excellent paper on "Egypt as a Turkish Province." Mrs. Mary Hamilton of Braddock, wife of Prof. Samuel Hamilton, county superintendent of schools, led in an interesting "Book Talk," in which many of the club members participated. The next meeting of the club will be held January 7. After the literary session of the club yesterday there was a social session, and a light luncheon was served.

Reception in Washington, Pa.

A notable society event in Washington, Pa., was a reception yesterday afternoon given by Mrs. C. N. Brady, at her home in East Maiden street, in honor of Mrs. William P. Paxton (nee Dougan), a bride of recent date. The reception was attended by about 200 guests, including many from Pittsburgh and vicinity. Mrs. Brady was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Cox, Pittsburgh; Miss Reed, Miss Harriett Reed, Miss Todd, Mrs. H. P. Chambers, Miss Speer, Miss Stockdale, Mrs. J. D. Moffat, Mrs. A. G. Happer, Mrs. Richard Paxton, Mrs. A. M. Linn, Mrs. Alexander Paxton and Mrs. John E. B. Sweeney. The decorations consisted of green with white lilies and red roses.

Miss Mary Kenney Makes Her Debut.

Mrs. James M. Kenny gave a large and brilliant reception yesterday afternoon, at which her daughter, Miss Mary Kennedy, made her debut. The reception was conducted at the Kenny home, in South Highland avenue, from 4 o'clock to 6. The house was elaborately decorated with a profusion of tropical plants and southern smilax, which continued through the reception hall, the library and dining room, relieved by the brilliant foliage of the poinsetta, the red holly berries and scarlet ribbon. The lights were shaded in crimson and Christmas bells added to the brilliant effect. In the drawing room, where the hostess and her daughter received, the decorations consisted entirely of an artistic massing of ferns and the grouping of many of the bouquets which the debutante received.

Assisting Mrs. Kenney and her daughter in receiving were Mrs. William McKelvy, Mrs. John R. McCune, Mrs. James Harden Hays, Mrs. J. McClurg Hays, Mrs. William S. Husselton, Mrs. George P. Blackiston, Mrs. William McClay Hall, Mrs. Theodore Varney, Mrs. Wallace H. Rowe, Mrs. Samuel Severence, Jr., Mrs. James M. Guffey, Miss Alice Thurston, Miss Virginia Bughman, Miss Roma Husselton, Miss Margaret McConway, Miss Alice Pennock, Miss Mary Elizabeth Brace, Miss Mary E. Guffey, Miss Virginia C. Hays and Miss Frances Hamilton.

Miss Kenney was educated at Miss Thurston's school in Shady avenue, later completing her studies at Miss Dana's fashionable school in Morristown, N. J.

Mrs. Blair's Hearts Party.

Mrs. Thomas J. Blair gave a large hearts party last evening at her home in Bayard street, Shadyside, made doubly interesting by the announcement of the engagement of Mrs. Blair's sister, Miss Evelyn Grimm, and Edward Elliott Jenkins. Miss Grimm is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grimm of Franklin, Pa., and Mrs. Jenkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Jenkins of this city.

It was a large entertainment and sharing the honors with Miss Grimm were Mrs. Blair's other two guests, Mrs. Charles Gray of New York and Mrs. Emile Koof of Oil City, the last being another sister of the hostess. A short and informal reception preceded the game of hearts. Tables were scattered throughout the drawing room, the library and reception room. The house was elaborately decorated in green and red, the holiday colors, palms combining with ropes of southern smilax, scarlet tipped poinsetta and red ribbons in producing a gala effect. In every form possible hearts appeared in the decorations, the appointments of the card tables and in the dining room, where a large centerpiece of holly and red ribbons appeared in the shape of a heart. The ices were hearts thrust through with silver arrows. An orchestra provided music throughout the evening.

Mrs. Gray, who arrived in Pittsburgh last Friday, is quite well known here, having visited Mrs. Blair repeatedly. Mrs. Koof and Miss Grimm have also their circle of friends and acquaintances in Pittsburgh. Several entertainments will be given for them during their visit this winter.

Parker-Blackburn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Edmond Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina and Miss Louise Levaun Parker, daughter of Col. Myron M. Parker of this city, were married at the bride's home in this city today. A notable company was present. A reception followed the ceremony and the couple left later on their wedding trip, the destination being kept secret.

Mrs. Harvey Childs, Jr., Entertains.

Mrs. Harvey Childs, Jr., gave a skating party last evening at Duquesne garden in honor of Miss Anne Burgwin, a recent debutante. The party was composed of the debutantes, a number of the younger men and several of the young married people. After leaving the garden the party drove to the Childs residence in Bidwell street, Shadyside, where supper was served, covers being laid for 35.

McCune—Dom.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 12.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Dawson, Pa., last night, Miss Katherine McCune, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCune, and John Dom, of the Greensburg Realty Company, were married by the Rev. Mr. Hanna. The wedding was a quiet affair, and only the immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Dom will make their home in Greensburg. The groom is prominent in the real estate business.

Dance at the Country Club.

During the holidays some entertainment will be given at the Brighton Country club for the young people who will be home from their schools and colleges. Tonight the second of the winter subscription dances at the club house will be given. The committee of arrangements consists of R. L. James, T. R. Donaldson, George L. Ralston, A. K. Grubbs and James Davidson.

Branching Out.

The students of the Pennsylvania College for Women are considering the giving of a Shakespearean play at commencement time following the custom of many of the larger colleges and universities. Shakespearean plays have been given for some years with marked success at Harvard, Vassar, Smith College, Wellesley and Barnard.

The Wellesley Club Meets.

The Wellesley club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Alice Logan in Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, and held its regular monthly meeting, followed by an informal tea. The club will give a breakfast during the holidays, which will be attended by the Wellesley undergraduates, who will spend their Christmas vacation in Pittsburgh. In the spring the club proposes giving an elaborate entertainment.

Adams—Brainerd.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 18.—James W. Brainerd of Pittsburgh, assistant manager of the Carnegie company, has been quietly married to Miss Beatrice F. Adams of Cleveland, O., at the home of the groom's parents in this city.

A New Year Musicale.

A musicale will be given New Year's afternoon at the residence of the Misses Mead, No. 5205 Westminster street, under the auspices of the Aid Society of the Third Presbyterian church. The proceeds will be used for the salary of a teacher to work among the foreigners at Schoenville.

It's like cleaning a clock, it sets the whole system in running order—Dr. D Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge.

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Fire Screens—Burlap, Tapestry and Burnt Wood effects—$4 to $35.

Blacking Boxes—$1 to $3.50.
Hassocks—50c to $1.25.
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Knox Opera Hats, $8 to $10
Knox Silk Hats, $8
Paulson Silk Hats, $6
Leather Hat Cases, $5 to $25
Fur Caps, $3.50 to $20
Fur Gloves, $3 to $20
Fur Collars, $3 to $20
Kid Gloves, $1.50 to $2.50

Umbrellas—Made expressly for the Christmas selling—in our own workshop—Beautiful conceits—$2 to $20—About 25 per cent less than we could sell them for, if we did not have our own factory—

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Smart Squirrel Scarfs—$8.50 each.
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Sable Fox Boa, $12—Flat Muff to match, $15—the set, $25.
Sable Fox Double Boa, $17.75—Flat Muff to match, $15—the set, $30.
Blue Lynx Cluster Scarf, eight full tails, $14—Muff to match, $16.50.
Genuine Chinchilla Muffs—extra size—$17.50—only 50 of them.

Blue fox boas and flat muffs—

Chinchilla scarfs, boas and pelerines, with round and flat muffs to match—

Black and blue lynx pieces, plain and in combination with squirrel and Persian lamb—

Baum marten plain and novelty collars, with heads and tails—beautiful large, flat muffs to match—

Russian and Hudson Bay sables in all styles and shapes, with muff made specially for each piece—

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429 WOOD ST.

Spain's famous artist, Madrazo, is now in Pittsburgh, by Wm. G. Kaufmann, in The Sunday Gazette.

News of Nearby Towns and Country

TWO WOMEN ARRESTED WITH STOLEN GOODS

Beaver County Male Prisoner Confesses to Numerous Robberies.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]
BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 18.—This morning two young women, Myrtle Buchanan of New Brighton and Verna Powell of this place, were arrested and locked up on a charge of receiving stolen goods. The goods were recovered, and consists of fur boas, cloaks, jackets, jewelry, etc., taken from Paff Bros.' drygoods store several weeks ago.

Frank Graham, who is in the Beaver jail awaiting trial for the robbery of A. M. Beaner's hardware store, confessed yesterday to having committed the Paff robbery, and told where the goods were. He also confessed to horse stealing and numerous other robberies in Monaca, New Brighton, Beaver, Homewood, Wampum and this place.

Chief of Police Strayer of this place has been persistent in his efforts against Graham, and, it is believed, has succeeded in breaking up one of the worst gangs of thieves that has ever existed in Beaver county, and of which Graham was the ringleader. Several arrests have been made and more will follow.

BUYING UP LIMESTONE.

New Castle Company to Open Quarries on Three Farms.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Marquis Limestone and Clay Company of this city has purchased nearly $150,000 worth of property in Slippery Rock and Shenango townships, which is heavily underlaid with limestone. Among the farms purchased are the McClure, Parker and Smith. The Young farm has also been optioned for $90,000. It comprises 118 acres. The farms purchased were sold at an average of $1,000 an acre.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad is now building an extension to the new limestone properties which will be developed in the spring. It is estimated that the Marquis company has secured limestone to last for 20 years.

MARRIED CHARLEROI MAN.

Young Woman of Easton Wedded Without Her Parents' Knowledge.

EASTON, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Miss Hazel Gardner, daughter of L. A. Gardner of Easton, and Louis P. Flickenger, Jr., bookkeeper for the Charleroi Coal Company of Charleroi, Pa., were married Wednesday night in New York. Miss Gardner left home Wednesday ostensibly to attend dancing school, but instead, with a friend, she boarded a train for New York, where she met Mr. Flickenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner received a telegram sent by Mrs. Flickenger today. The bride is an artist. Her paintings have frequently been on exhibition here.

City Officials in Session.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—A convention of the mayors and city solicitors of the third-class cities of Pennsylvania was held today in this city. It is expected legislation will be agreed upon at tomorrow's session for presentation at the next session of the legislature. Among those present were City Solicitors Schoenmaker of Bradford, Gardner of New Castle and Greevy of Altoona, and the mayor of Johnstown.

WANT HIGHER SALARIES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Westmoreland County Directors Also Favor Longer Terms.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]
GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 18.—The school directors of Westmoreland county, who are in session here during the teachers' institute, put themselves on record as being in favor of advancing the monthly wages of the teachers and, in addition, passed unanimously the following resolutions:

"That we, as a convention of directors, favor an act of assembly making the minimum salary of teachers $40 a month, or forfeit the state appropriation; that the delegates of Westmoreland county to the next state convention of school directors be requested to present the foregoing resolution to the convention for its consideration and action."

The directors, in the resolution, also favored a longer school term, as a result of the increased state appropriation. They advocate the employment of township superintendents wherever practicable.

The wisdom of teaching mental arithmetic in the schools has been the general discussion of teachers during the week. At the opening session W. N. Ferris of Big Rapids, Mich., spoke at length on the topic, advocating that it be made a part of the public school curriculum. Sides have been taken by the teachers, and some of the arguments made have been extremely heated.

TWO AWARDED DAMAGES.

Young Woman Gets $5,000 and Boy $5,500 for Accidents.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Two damage suits were closed in court here this afternoon in which the plaintiffs were awarded heavy damages. Miss Anna Kirchner secured $5,000 from W. H. Smith, and Charles Parker, son of Mrs. Margaret Parker, secured $5,500 from the Washington Electric Street Railway Company.

Miss Kirschner brought an action for $10,500 as a result of injuries sustained by falling into an excavation in front of the property of Smith, who is a prominent banker and owner of the Trinity Hall preparatory school. The Parker boy lost a leg by being jolted off the platform of a car on the Washington Street Railway Company's line last summer, and negligence was charged.

Youngstown Growing Rapidly.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The census of the city taken by the directory company in connection with the annual directory shows that Youngstown has a population of 58,358. The enumeration last year, taken by the same company, showed a population of 54,458. The federal census taken in 1900 showed a population of 44,885. Besides, a new town has been built between this city and Strithers around the plant of the Youngstown Iron, Sheet and Tube Company.

Railroad Station Robbed.

PARSONS, W. VA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Last midnight the safe in the West Virginia Central station at Hendricks, three miles from here, was blown open. Such a loud report was made by the blast that the burglars hurried away with a handful of money, about $75, leaving a large amount in the safe. The station was wrecked.

BERKS COUNTY WOMAN MUST GO TO GALLOWS

Board of Pardons Declines to Interfere With Two Murder Cases.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]
HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—The board of pardons today refused to commute the death sentence of Mrs. Kate Edwards of Berks county to life imprisonment. Mrs. Edwards is alleged to have killed her husband, and 10 of the 12 jurors which convicted her recommended the commutation of sentence. The board also refused to recommend a pardon for John Szoyak of Allegheny, sent up for second degree murder.

Pardons were recommended for Harry J. Hannah, Westmoreland, murder in second degree; John Christfl, Allegheny, assault and battery; Michael Hart, Clearfield, second degree murder.

The case of Daniel H. Bean of Allegheny, perjury, and Harry W. Brubaker, Lebanon, felony, were held under advisement.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O.—Phillip Negel was found guilty of the murder of William Wade of Ironton, O., near this city on October 23.

BEAVER FALLS, PA.—The Pittsburgh Seamless Tube Company at this place has the plans for one or more open hearth furnaces at the plant here.

WARREN, O.—The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company announced a raise of 10 per cent in the wages of all yardmasters on the J. & E. division.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—Sarah, the infant daughter of W. E. Weaver of this city, died from the effects of being burned. The child got too close to an open grate.

SHARON, PA.—As the result of a beating it is alleged her husband gave her, Mrs. Daniel Thomas is in a dangerous condition here. Thomas was arrested and fined $25.

COSHOCTON, O.—Fire broke out in the Dennis coal mine near here and burned for several hours. The engine and storage rooms were destroyed. The loss is several thousand dollars.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—A gas pipe burst in an oil well being drilled by the Shawmut Oil Company, near Devilhole, Ritchie county, fatally injuring Charles Lynch and William Eddy.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—Work has been begun on the double tracking of the Pennsylvania & Mahoning Valley Electric railway from New Castle to Youngstown. The work will cost $50,000.

MARIETTA, O.—The Marietta wharfboat was struck by the fantail of the towboat Joseph B. Williams and was almost demolished. The sharp bend in the river threw the current to the Marietta shore. Loss $1,000.

CANONSBURG, PA.—The large store of the Midland Coal Company at Westland burned, causing a heavy loss. The postoffice was located in the building, but the mail matter was removed before any damage had been done to it.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Judge Rogers rendered a decision in the matter of William Brobst, who was prosecuted for the selling of liquor in the local option town of Canfield, giving him a new trial on the ground that incompetent evidence was introduced.

WASHINGTON, PA.—The flint glass workers' strike here took a new turn when the court granted a temporary injunction forbidding 18 members from local lodge, American Flint Glass Workers' union, from interfering with the operation of the plant of the Atlas Glass and Metal Company.

LORAIN, O.—Advices came here which assure for Lorain the new Carnegie library building to cost $35,000. President Hopkins of the Lorain Library association received a letter from Mr. Carnegie from New York that all arrangements had been made to supply funds for the new building.

With every Man's Overcoat or Suit at $7.50 or more this week we will give a FREE WATCH Also with every Boys' Overcoat or Suit at $3.50.

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Dainty lingerie, especially gowns, skirts and corset covers are gaining in favor every season as a woman's Christmas token to another woman—not the commonplace undermuslins, but the exquisite garments that are gems of fine needlework. We offer you these:

Ladies' Gowns (night dresses) in fine cambric and longcloth, cut in the new French shape, beautified with insertions of fine embroidery, dainty laces, tucks and hemstitching—ribbon-drawn at the neck and ribbon trimmed V-shape, square and "slip-over" necks. Prices 89c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.92 and $2.25.

Corset Covers, in the Paris novelty shape—with three wide ruffles in front to impart fullness to the bust and six tucks in the back—trimmed with pretty Point de Paris lace—nainsook covers—only 75c. Others at 39c, 50c, 62c, 75c and $1.00.

Ladies' White Skirts, fine cambric, very full, handsomely trimmed with deep flounce of embroidery, torchon and Val. laces and insertion—with deep dust ruffles. Prices $1.50, $1.98 and $2.25.

Dressing Sacques.

One kind in ripple elderdown—pink, blue and red, with collar and pocket satin lined—$1.25.

Another kind in ripple elderdown, with satin bound collar, crocheted all around, with silk frogs and silk tie ribbons—$1.50.

Still another kind, satin lined all around, with silk frogs—$1.98.

Christmas Aprons.

At 25c—In good lawn, eight different styles, with hemstitched tucks. Another kind with insertion of embroidery.

At 25c—Pretty sewing aprons, with pink and blue hemstitched borders. Also on the pocket flaps.

At 35c—Large lawn aprons that will go all around the dress.

At 39c—Large aprons with several rows of embroidery, insertion and deep hem.

At 50c—Persian lawn aprons with five tucks and ruffle of embroidery. Another kind with three rows of insertion. Still another with tucks and insertion.

What Generous Men Can Buy for Women.

What a Generous Man Can Buy For a Woman.

—Ladies' Golf Vests, in green, red, white, navy and black, single and double-breasted, with dainty dashes of contrasting color and pretty brass buttons or button clasps—just the thing for skating, sleigh riding and bustling about in the cold—$1.75, $2.00 and $2.50.

—Wrist Bags, in genuine seal, walrus, sea lion, horned alligator and Mexican hand-tooled leather—black, tan, gray and dark wine color—$1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $2.98, $3.50 and $5.00.

—Chatelaine Bags, in all the leathers of leathers, sterling silver and gold mounted—50c to $5.

Chatelaine Bags, in all the leathers. Also in German Silver Fish Scale Mesh for $3.50 to $7.50.

—Perfumes—Colgate's and Woodworth's chiefly, because they are the leading American extracts, put up in fancy bottles, enclosed in exquisite boxes—10c, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 per package.

—Atomizers—Cut glass and Bohemian glass, with nickel plated and gilded metal parts—red rubber bulbs—25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

—Liberty Silk Scarfs, in all-over Dresden design, with the hemstitched ends; also Crepe de Chine Scarf, with Persian borders. $1.00 to $6.98.

—Bishop Stocks, new line in taffeta and peau de soie, Barathea and peau de crepe silks, some lace-trimmed and some decked with French knots, in black-and-white and various pretty color combinations, 50c, 75c and upward to $2.

—Fine Isabella Fox Fur Boas (the fur most in favor) $10, $16.50, $20, $25.

—Mink Boas, $10 to $50.

Fine Mink Sets (boa and muff), $50 to $80.

—Muffs, $2.50 to $35. Isabella Fox Muffs from $10 up.

—Pocketbooks, 25c to $5.00.
—Chatelaine Bags, 50c to $5.
—Wrist Bags, 25c to $5.
—Music Rolls, 50c to $3.50.
—Card Cases, 50c to $2.50.
—Writing Tables, 69c to $2.50.

—Electric Seal Jackets, double-breasted, with fitted backs and high storm collars, length 22 inches, lined with guaranteed satin, for $18.50 and $25.00

—Ladies' Shawls, strictly all-wool; the old-fashioned kind that never wear out—grays, self plaids and Scotch plaids, $2.25, $2.75, $3 and $3.75. Double Shawls, in same styles, $4.50, $6, $7 and $8. Knit Shawls $1.00 to $2.50—white, blue, pink and red.

—Dresser Clocks, dainty gold plated timepieces with ivory dials, in art nouveau or Cupid designs, $1.25 to $12.

—Silk Waist Patterns at $2.59—Colored Silks in the prettiest brocades, fancy Mohairs, warp-printed Taffetas, Du Barry and Pompadour designs, corded and satin-striped Taffetas and handsome Persian effects, etc.

—Black Dress Patterns at $5.00—Black Broadcloths, Armures, Whipcords, French Flannels, Venetians and Silk-finished Henriettas. Enough in each pattern for a complete dress are put up at this price.

—Black Dress Patterns at $7.50—Black Satin Soleils, Imported Prunellas, Granite Cloths, Crepe de Chines, Drap d'Almas, etc.—all new and stylish materials and remarkably good values at this price.

—Black Dress Patterns at $8.25—Black Imported Melrose, Drap d'Paris, Imported Venetians, Imported Broadcloths, Imported Prunellas, etc.

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Men's Umbrellas, 28-inch size, in taffeta silk, guaranteed for one year, with sterling silver-mounted boxwood opera handles, $3.00.

Travelers' Umbrellas, with handles that fold back and tips that disappear inside the red so as to reduce the length to 26 inches in order that they may be carried in a dress suit case, with good taffeta silk coverings; our price $3.50.

Men's Padded Mufflers, in black and fancy silks, with brocaded linings, in Christmas boxes, 50c, $1.00 and $1.50.

Men's Fancy Suspenders, with silk web, in individual boxes, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Men's Fancy Neckwear, in dark and delicate tints, English Squares, Puffs, Four-in-Hands and Ascots, 25c, 50c, and $1.00.

Smoking Tables or Stands, in black walnut or ebony finish, with attached ash receiver, match box, cigar holder and burnt match tray. $1.89, $1.98, $2.39, $2.50 and up to $6.98.

Imported German Tobacco Jars, in box or barrel form, in earthen ware, with artistic and grotesque figures or Indians, gnomes, sailors, brownies, etc., from $1.50 to $3.98.

Ash Receivers, in china, glass, porcelain and metal; some with attached cigar holders, for 10c, 25c and upward to $9c.

Fountain Pens, the celebrated "Mercantile" line, made of the best Para rubber and fitted with first quality gold pens. Prices $1.25 to $5.00.

Men's Mufflers, in plain Barathea Silk, brocaded silks and novelty effects, 50c to $3.50.

CAMPBELL'S

READY TO PROTEST AGAINST NOMINEES

ight on Citizens Candidates in Allegheny at Committe Meeting Tonight.

The Allegheny committee on Citizens arty councilmanic nominations will eet tonight in Kenyon's hall to take tion on whatever nominations have en made in any of the wards. It was nderstood that the committee was to meet last night, and in consequence a number of Citizens workers from the Second ward were on hand to protest against three councilmanic nominations made by the committee of that ward of men friendly to the present city administration. The delegation will attend the committee's meeting tonight.

Other nominations will be reported to the committee, such as those of the First and Third wards. There is dissatisfaction in the First ward, where the nominations have already been made, and a delegation from the Third ward will be present to enter a protest if the ward committee makes nominations unsatisfactory to a strong element in the Citizens party in that ward.

A large number of Citizens party workers in the Second ward cannot understand why such strong machine men as William Burry and Samuel McElroy, present councilmen, came to be nominated by a Citizens party committee. They say that if the councilmanic opportunities are to be sacrificed, in order to obtain a machine indorsement of James G. Wyman's candidacy for recorder, they will enter strenuous objections. They do not make the charge that such is the purpose in putting up machine candidates, but they say the proceeding looks peculiar.

The preparation of the nomination papers for Wyman's candidacy is going on, and last night Citizens headquarters were crowded with the agents in charge of the petitioners. A petition is circulating in each election district, and each will contain from 10 to 70 names, although five names to every district are sufficient.

A good many Citizens party men in Allegheny oppose the idea of Wyman seeking indorsement of the machine. They fear that if Wyman's name should be at the head of the Republican column the voters will put a cross in the circle over that column and vote the whole machine ticket, thus defeating the fusion councilmanic ticket. Many machine men who do not believe that Wyman can be defeated think it would be good politics to nominate him on the machine ticket, believing, with the Citizens party opponents of a machine indorsement of Wyman, that the ex-mayor will carry the machine councilmanic ticket to victory.

Was Thrashed for Refusing.

Because Mrs. Sarah Harmon of Stockholm street refused to marry Jacob Knoel, a boarder at her house, he thrashed her Wednesday night. Yesterday morning at No. 3 police station Knoel told the magistrate that during the past three weeks he had been a boarder at the Harmon house and had helped in the housework by wheeling coal, carrying water and attending to the fires. For performing these extra duties, he said, he thought Mrs. Harmon should marry him. Knoel was fined $25.

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8-HOUR BILL NOW ON THE CALENDAR

Senate Committee on Education and Labor Makes Favorable Report.

MANY CHANGES MADE

Goods Purchased by the Government Are Exempt from Operation of Law—Transportation and Transmission Excluded.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on education and labor today agreed upon a favorable report of the house eight-hour bill. The agreement was reached after many hearings and three days of executive sessions. Many amendments have been made.

The principal changes in the bill relate to transportation of contract work and the purchase in the open market of goods wanted by the government. The bill makes it specific that all purchases shall be exempt. The language relating to the transportation of goods is made more plain and definite than in the house bill. Another amendment provides that the act shall not prohibit a workman from engaging on other work for two additional hours after working on government work for eight hours. The bill probably will be reported to the senate on Saturday.

The bill provides that every contract for public work made by the United States in any state, territory or the District of Columbia shall provide a penalty of $5 for each laborer or mechanic for each day said laborer or mechanic may be required or permitted to labor more than eight hours on such work, the penalty to be withheld from payments due the contractors or sub-contractors aggrieved, who thereby are given the right of appeal to the head of the department making the contract and thence to the court of claims. Besides providing that the act shall not apply to contracts for transportation by land or water, an amendment specifically exempts contracts for the transmission of intelligence from the operation of the act. No penalties are to be imposed for violations of the law due to emergencies caused by fire, famine, flood, danger to life or property, or to other extraordinary event or condition.

New Bank for Wampum.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A number of local and Wampum men are interested in a new bank which is to be opened at the latter place within a few days. One of the men interested is Capt. M. S. Marquis, president of the Home Trust Company of this city. The capital stock will be $25,000. It will be known as the First National bank of Wampum and will be located in the first floor of the Odd Fellows' building at that place. It will be the only bank in that vicinity.

January Pay May Be Late.

Controller James Brown of Allegheny said yesterday that in all probability the city employes would receive their pay for December on the first of January. After that he did not know whether or not they would be paid again until the end of the fiscal year, in March. The funds of Allegheny have been in poor shape, owing to the heavy expense caused during the smallpox epidemic and the increase in the employes' salaries.

UPHEAVAL IN FRICK COKE CO. INTERESTS

Leading Officers Will Be Dropped and Office Forces Reduced January 1.

It is rumored that there will be an upheaval in the organization of the H. C. Frick Coke Company on January 1 by which leading general officials who have been with the company for many years will be released. Office forces at Scottdale and the Pittsburgh headquarters will, it is said, be materially reduced. There are about 100 men employed in these offices. Most of those at Scottdale will go. These changes arise from the company dropping out of the furnace coke market and restricting its sales almost entirely to other constituents of the United States Steel Corporation.

The offices of W. G. Magee, vice president; M. M. Bosworth, secretary, and Charles H. Spencer, general agent, are among those that it is proposed to abolish, according to the rumor. The office of treasurer, held by Winfield S. Armstrong, may be abolished. The work of these officials is minimized through the dropping of the trade of hundreds of founders, and the reduction in the list of furnace cutsomers, which the company still carries. The work will be given over to officials in similar offices in the Carnegie Steel Company, and much of the distinctive organization of the coke company will be lost, just as the organization of the National Steel and the American Steel Hoop companies has been merged in the Carnegie company.

The Connellsville coking concerns of the United States Steel Corporation were merged with the H. C. Frick Coke Company soon after the steel corporation was formed. Thomas Lynch, recognized as the leading coke expert of the country, is president, and will remain so, besides being president of the separate concern operating the corporation's coking interests in the Pocahontas fields, where the corporation has 50,000 acres of coking coal. Mr. Lynch is also general manager of all the individual coal and coke interests of the corporation.

Telegraph Operator Injured.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Charles A. Pettit of Beaver, the Pennsylvania operator at Rock Point, was seriously injured there last night by being struck by a train. He was unconscious and bleeding from several wounds when brought to this city. He was taken to his home last night.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

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NEXT SUNDAY'S GAZETTE

MANY FAMILIES ARE RENDERED HOMELESS BY A LANDSLIDE, HOUSES COLLAPSING

Occupants, Warned by Small Boy, Escaped in Nick of Time.

ANOTHER HOME IS GOING

John Howard and Family Find That Their Residence Is Tottering and Decamp—Rains and Railroads' Neglect Cause.

Scene of Desolation Left by the Landslide on Hill Street.

Forty-one persons were rendered homeless at an early hour yesterday morning by the sudden collapse of Hill street, between the Panhandle railroad and Shingiss street. The property loss will amount to several thousand dollars, while the escapes of the inmates of the four houses were little short of miraculous.

Four houses went down in the first slip and shortly after 5 o'clock last night another house, that occupied by John Howard, wife and four children gave way and slid for several feet down toward the other wreckage. The Howards discovered their home trembling and loosening from its foundation shortly before the supper hour last night and removed all their possessions from that place.

The house occupied by John Hoeller, next to the Howard home is not thought to be in any danger, as it stands on a solid foundation and Building Inspector Capt. J. A. A. Brown stated there was no danger of it collapsing.

The cause of the landslide and collapse of the houses are the extremely wet weather of the last two weeks, a broken water pipe, old springs breaking loose and the neglect of the Panhandle railroad in not having built a retaining wall at the upper side of its tracks.

Boy Spread the Alarm.

The slip was discovered by Mrs. Rose Walters, who lived in one of the houses, shortly before midnight Wednesday night. When Mrs. Walters attempted to close her front door preparatory to retiring she found a space of over a foot between the door and jamb.

She immediately concluded there was something wrong and started to investigate. Her conclusions were substantiated a short time later when she heard the warning cry of Thomas Mahoney, a 14-year-old boy, who lives in Grant street.

Young Mahoney was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Beasley, who lives in Hill street. When he left her house he stepped into a fissure, noticed the hill was giving away and spread the alarm. The occupants of the houses had little time to get any of their clothing or personal effects from their homes, and consequently many of them escaped with nothing but the clothes they wore.

In the house of Mrs. Mary Island was a blind colored woman, Mrs. Hattie Jackson, who was asleep when the alarm was sounded. She was aroused and had to be taken from the fast collapsing house in her night clothes. After the house had collapsed many of the residents gathered about the debris and kept bonfires burning until daylight yesterday morning.

Another House Going.

The homeless women and children were taken in and cared for by neighbors, but as many of them are bereft of all their personal effects, it will be some time before they will be able to re-establish homes of their own. Many of the homeless ones gathered around the fire yesterday and remained the entire day. At a late hour last night there was still quite a crowd at the scene.

The house occupied by John Howard was slipping away gently, and every hour it looked as if it would join the other debris. At midnight the house was still hanging by a thread, but it has been condemned and will probably fall today.

There are still four houses standing after the wreck, and while each of these show the effects of the landslide it is not thought probable any of them will tumble down, as they are more securely built than the others.

The houses that fell with the first landslide were owned by the Commonwealth Real Estate and Trust Company, and occupied by the families of Mrs. Rose Walters, James Hemmingway, Thomas Peterson and Mrs. John Island.

Private Line to Plant.

The American Sheet Steel Company has arranged with the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company, the Pittsburgh organization of the Bell telephone interests, for a private line to connect the Pittsburgh offices with the works at Wellsville, O. This line will cost about $2,000 annually. The sheet steel company has a private line to its Kiskiminetas valley works, put in years ago. The Carnegie Steel Company and other constituents of the United States Steel Corporation, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, have their direct phone connections with the New York offices, which facilitate business and avoid the costly tolls through the payment of round annual rentals.

Trustees Apply for Charter.

Application has been made in common pleas court No. 2 by the trustees of the Elizabeth Steel Magee Memorial hospital for a charter to enable the incorporators to organize and have plans prepared for a hospital, according to the provisions of the will of Senator Christopher L. Magee. The trustees appointed in the will are William A. Magee, George A. Magee, George C. Wilson, the Rt. Rev. Bishops Phelan and Whitehead, William H. Self, David Jones, T. Hart Given, Dr. Frank Le Moyne, A. F. Keating, William Flinn, H. S. A. Stewart, John A. Bell and Joshua Rhodes. The hospital is to be erected on the site of "The Maples," the old Magee homestead at Forbes and Halket streets, upon the death of Mrs. Magee.

Jack Frost Outwitted.

The frost and ice which has obscured show windows in large downtown stores during the winter, and especially at Christmas time, when window decorators employ their finest art to make a display, has been a source of constant worry to merchants. Different remedies have been tried with varying success until this winter, when it has been discovered that by placing an electric fan in each window the fan's revolutions counteract the effect of the chilly outside air and the glass keeps clear of frost and ice.

SALOONISTS ADOPT A CHARITY CELEBRATION

Instead of Flasks for Presents, They Will Give Cash for Worthy Purposes.

A substantial contribution to charity as a Christmas gift was decided upon by the Liberty Valley Retail Liquor Dealers' association at a meeting held last night in Alderman E. C. Negley's office in Collins avenue. The association expects to have between $2,000 and $3,000 for distribution, which will be the largest contribution made since the custom was inaugurated, two years ago.

It was decided at the meeting last night to contribute half of the fund raised to the East End Charity hospital, and half to a fund to be used for the benefit of unfortunate bartenders in the employ of members of the association and their families.

This plan of Christmas giving is to supplant the custom of distributing flasks of whisky on Christmas Day to all the patrons and friends of the saloon. One dealer told how a man had entered his saloon in quest of a Christmas bottle, but, unfortunately, in depositing his basket in a corner of the hallway revealed that it was full of bottles of various sizes. The dealer delayed in granting his request for a present, while someone was tipped to make away with the basket. The result was a howl of distress from the collector, who claimed that his basket of Christmas supplies for his family had been stolen. The family bread basket was found to contain 34 half-pint flasks, 14 pints and 5 quart bottles.

The old system was a much heavier expense to the liquor dealers, while there was nothing to show for it but a day of debauch. The new custom is in great favor with the police because of the elimination of the brawls and drunkenness which before made Christmas Day a nightmare.

On the first Christmas, under the charity policy, $1,400 was given to the hospital, while last year a change which proved unsatisfactory was made. Provisions and fuel were bought for poor families, but the committee was imposed upon right and left.

The meeting last night, made up of the retail dealers of the Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first wards, was presided over by J. B. Kleman, president, with P. J. Walsh as secretary and A. E. Florig as treasurer. The committee appointed to attend to the collection and distribution of the funds is composed of E. L. Riley, chairman; Joseph W. McCarthy and John A. Miller.

Preparing to Distribute Gifts.

The committee appointed to distribute the Charles M. Schwab fund of $2,000 to the needy poor of Braddock yesterday decided to purchase 5,000 pounds of candy, one pound for each pupil in the public and parochial schools of the borough. Dolls, pen knives and other toys will be distributed to children holding cards on next Wednesday afternoon. A meeting of the general committee will be held this evening in Braddock town hall.

An Architect Authorized.

The public safety committee of select council yesterday approved an ordinance authorizing the employment of an architect to prepare plans for an engine house at Center avenue and DeVilliers street and an ordinance designating the cost of a new engine house in the Twenty-sixth ward. Ordinances for the regulation of a sub-list for firemen, and for the creation of a firemen's disability board, were referred to a sub-committee of three for investigation.

To Boom Speedway.

The Road Drivers' association of Pittsburgh held a meeting last night in the room of the East End board of trade and decided to hold a public meeting early in January and to invite the city and county officers to be present, to discuss the speedway project. During the meeting 124 new members joined. It was decided to adopt an official button to be worn by members.

LARKIN GETS OUT SOME STATISTICS

Says Councils Should Tax Other Property Beside Real Estate.

WILL MAKE SUGGESTIONS

Controller Says He Is Not Contending for False Economy, but Is Aiming to Prevent Discrimination.

Controller John B. Larkin declares that it is the duty of councils to extend the sources of revenue and increase the objects of taxation in order to meet the appropriations for the new year. The controller states that the burden of taxation is now borne almost wholly by owners of real estate and that the system in vogue is of a stunting character.

Controller Larkin has prepared some figures to show that public franchises and other objects of taxation have escaped at the expense of the property owner.

Referring to the appropriation ordinance which will be introduced at the next meeting of common council, Controller Larkin states that the estimates it will contain will not differ from those submitted by Recorder J. O. Brown. Assistant Controller E. S. Morrow is formulating the ordinance from the proofs of the recorder's estimates as they come from the printer, adding only such amounts as were overlooked by the recorder.

The controller states that the ordinance will be referred by councils to the finance committee for such alterations as that body sees fit to make, and that he will appear before the committee and make some suggestions. Mr. Larkin said further:

I have taken the position that 13 mills is sufficient for 1903, on the assumption that the tax, whatever it might be in amount, would be levied on the same subjects charged with the burden in the current year, as I saw no disposition to enlarge them or go outside of the beaten path leading directly to real estate. Real estate is an easy prey and a sure victim, but it should not pay all, and will not if it can be prevented; and I feel sure there is wisdom enough in councils to see the injustice of stunting the enterprise that builds up and beautifies a community, or encourages the masses to build homes and take an active interest in their protection, as every owner is interested in the peace, order and growth of his city.

I have taken the matter up and have compiled the following statement from actual figures in the city books, the purpose being to show that real estate in this city was worth no more January, 1902, than it was in January, 1892, added investment and changes considered.

Cash valuation, 1891	$205,040,000
Improvements since that date, as shown by building inspector's reports	86,657,000
City taxes, 1891-1901, inclusive	27,211,000
Water taxes, 1891-1902, inclusive	6,530,000
Sub-school taxes, 1891-1901, inclusive	4,671,000
County taxes, 1871-1902, inclusive	4,813,000
Street and sewer assessments, 1891-1902, inclusive	7,785,000
Insurance on property	3,756,000
Or a total of	$358,471,000
Cash valuation, 1901	558,883,000

These charges are the actual collections for 11 years from direct taxation, as taken from the records, except in the insurance of property, which is estimated. It will be seen the actual investment was $291,703,000, while the increase in value of $66,768,000 was almost entirely drawn upon by charges against the property without considering the wear and tear of improvements.

I am not contending for false economy in the administration of a great city, but insist that the attention of those charged with its public affairs should be given to an extension of the sources of revenue and an increase of the subjects of taxation, before the "goose that lays the golden egg" is killed. As all classes of visible investment enjoy the same privileges and protection, there should be no discrimination that involves one species of property and absolves another.

WARRANT SERVED ON ROSS AT COUNTY JAIL

He Will Be Taken to Westmoreland County After Serving Time Here.

A warrant was yesterday served upon Cedar Ross, alias Samuel Sylvester, at the Allegheny county jail, by the district attorney of Westmoreland county, for the recent robbery of the bank at Irwin. Ross was also indicted by the Allegheny county grand jury yesterday on two counts for his connection with the recent robbery on the North Side.

After he has been given a trial here, and if convicted and served his sentence, he will be taken to Westmoreland county and get another sentence to the penitentiary.

The warrant served yesterday was sworn out by Cashier Thomas P. Herron of the Irwin bank. It was based on the testimony of Mrs. Harry Critchlow of Irwin, who positively identified Ross as the man whom she saw in front of the bank with a gun in his hand on the morning of the robbery.

First Death from Smallpox.

The first death from smallpox in Homestead occurred yesterday when Mrs. Robert Campbell of Sixteenth avenue and Sarah street, died of the disease.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

Few People Realize the Importance of Good Digestion Until It Is Lost.

Many people suffer from dyspepsia and do not know it. They feel mean, out of sorts, peevish, do not sleep well, do not have a good keen appetite, do not have the inclination and energy for physical or mental work they once had, but at the same time, do not feel any particular pain or distress in the stomach. Yet all this is the result of poor digestion, an insidious form of Dyspepsia which can only be cured by a remedy specially intended to cure it and make the digestive organs act naturally and properly digest the food eaten. Bitters, after dinner pills and nerve tonics will never help the trouble; they don't reach it. The new medical discovery does. It is called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is a specific for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures because it thoroughly digests all wholesome food taken into the stomach, whether the stomach is in good working order or not.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets by digesting the food, instead of making the worn out stomach do all the work, gives it a much needed rest and a cure of dyspepsia is the natural result.

When you are nervous, run down and sleepless, don't make the common mistake of supposing your nervous system needs treatment and fill your stomach with powerful nerve tonics which make you feel good for a little while only to fall back farther than ever.

Your nerves are all right, but they are starved, they want food.

Nourish them with wholesome everyday food and plenty of it, well digested, and you can laugh at nerve tonics and medicine.

But the nerves will not be nourished from a weak, abused stomach, but when the digestion has been made perfect by the use of this remedy all nervous symptoms disappear.

Who ever heard of a man or woman blessed with a vigorous digestion and good appetite being troubled with their nerves?

Good digestion means a strong nervous system, abundance of energy and capacity to enjoy the good things of life.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will certainly set your stomach and digestive organs right; they can't help but do it because they nourish the body by digesting the food eaten, and rest the stomach.

You get nourishment and rest at one and the same time, and that is all the wornout dyspeptic needs to build him up and give new life to every organ and an added zest to every pleasure.

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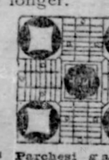

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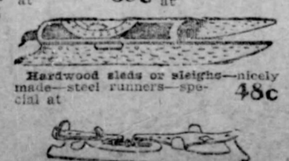

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Cuff links—set with good sized diamond chip in center—bright or dull solid gold—real value $6.00—special at 3.50

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DALZELL SPEAKS FOR PHILIPPINES

Advocated Reduction of Duty on Goods Brought from the Archipelago.

THE MEASURE IS PASSED

Fine Compliment Paid Pittsburgh Congressman by Democratic Member — Governor Wants Duty on Ice Imported.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Room 10, Postal Building, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.

In committee of the whole today the house voted to reduce the duty on all goods from the Philippine archipelago from 75 per cent of the Dingley rates to 25 per cent. The Democrats tried to amend so as to abolish the duty entirely. The proposition to reduce the rates came from the ways and means committee, which was acting on the advice of Secretary of War Root, who set forth facts to show the necessity of stimulating the Philippine products and finding a readier market for them. Mr. Payne, chairman of ways and means, was ably assisted by Mr. Dalzell, who showed in clear and logical statements the wisdom of the reduction. The Philippines were paying the regular rates before this country came into possession and also till last summer, when the Philippine bill went into effect, which reduced the Dingley rates 75 per cent. Experience has since proved that did not provide relief enough and the further reduction to 25 per cent was proposed.

Discussion on the Democratic side was marked by a handsome tribute to Mr. Dalzell by Mr. McClellan of New York, who quoted from a speech Mr. Dalzell made last session the following time:

"This question deals upon a higher plane than dollars and cents." "That sentence," said Mr. McClellan, "came in one of the outbursts of eloquence with which the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania so often delights us, and it is applicable to the present case."

Amendments were offered to strike off all duty on goods from the Philippines, and also to admit goods from the United States free to the islands. All manner of charges were hurled at the Republicans, in substance that the proposed reduction is a virtual confession that protection is wrong and that it is unfair to discriminate against the American products exported to the Philippines.

John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee found a chance to make his usual gallery play by offering an amendment to admit free all coal shipped from the Philippines. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, who had wandered over to the Democratic side, arose after the free coal amendment was read and moved to amend it by inserting after the word "coal" the words "and ice." This came while everybody was serious, and its appropriateness was so appreciated by everybody that in the outburst of hearty laughter no one voted but Mr. Gaines on the Democratic side, but he sat there neither dismayed nor daunted.

Mr. Payne frankly stated that as a plain business proposition it would be impossible to cut the rates of duty on goods going from here to the Philippines to 25 per cent, the same as provided for goods coming from there here, for the reason it would reduce the Philippines customs $1,500,000 a year, and the amount could not be afforded. The reduction in favor of the islands does not involve any deviation from the doctrine of protection; has nothing at all to do with it, he said; it means this, and this alone, that the government is moving forward as expeditiously as possible to give the Philippines the largest measure of benefit. Mr. Dalzell was temporary speaker of the house in the absence of Speaker Henderson, who was attending the marriage of Representative Blackburn of North Carolina. Mr. Palmer of Pennsylvania was in the chair while the act was debated in committee of the whole.

Anti-Trust Legislation.

There are many people here who believe that the amendment to the legislative bill providing for an appropriation of $500,000 to be placed at the disposal of Attorney General Knox for use in prosecuting violations of the Sherman anti-trust law will be the sum total of anti-trust legislation at this session. While such an appropriation is approved by the administration, the president favors the passage of a law to govern the trusts and thinks it should be done before the adjournment of this congress. His friends in the house and senate will do all they can to get such a measure through, but it is feared that it will be held up in the senate.

The campaign in the house for an anti-trust bill, which started out so bravely at the beginning of this session, will be resumed after the holiday recess. It is probable that a bill providing for publicity of corporate affairs will be the outcome of the efforts in the house.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts is to take charge of the anti-trust bill in the senate. He has given notice that he will file a bill with the secretary of the senate during the coming recess. It is the general understanding that this bill will have the indorsement of the administration. Attorney General Knox is to appear before the committee on judiciary and give his views upon the provisions of the bill.

Hearing on Statehood Bill.

President Roosevelt, who has been hearing so much against the territories of New Mexico and Arizona, demonstrated his fairness today by giving the other side a hearing as he had promised to do. Delegate Rodey of New Mexico had a long conference with the president at which the subject of statehood was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Rodey took occasion to refute many of the assertions that have been made by those opposed to the omnibus statehood bill to influence the president to veto the measure if it comes before him. After his interview Mr. Rodey said:

"I think a mistaken impression as to the president's attitude to the omnibus territory bill has gone out as a result of a conference he had with some callers from New Mexico a few days ago. There is no doubt that great pressure has been brought on the president against the bill. But I do not believe he would veto a bill should one pass congress admitting Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. I am not authorized to say this, and am simply expressing my belief. I know that the president has a most kindly feeling for New Mexico. He raised four troops of his Rough Rider regiment in the territory and knows as well as anybodys the character of the citizenship there. I have not by any means given up hope that the omnibus bill will pass the senate and that the president will sign it."

Competition for Camp Site.

More competition has arisen for Somerset as the site of the eastern permanent camp ground in a bill Representative Pearre of Maryland introduced today appropriating $500,000 for the purchase of 15,000 acres at Oakland, Garrett county, Maryland. The Oakland site, as well as the Somerset, is along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. In the final selection for the eastern camp the choice will lie among these two and the one in Conewago Valley, Lancaster county, furnishing activity for the champions of each to put their best foot forward.

Representative Wright of Pennsylvania today introduced to the president 150 teachers from Montrose, Susquehanna county. They are here on a sightseeing excursion. The president also received the students of the Pennsylvania State Normal school at Bloomsburg.

Home for the Holidays.

Representative and Mrs. Acheson have left for their home in Washington, Pa., to remain till after the holidays.

Hardenbergh for Treasurer.

E. B. Hardenbergh, auditor general of Pennsylvania, will be a candidate for state treasurer next year to succeed Frank G. Harris. This was stated today upon good authority. Mr. Hardenbergh and Mr. Harris were in the city, and called upon Senators Quay and Penrose. They would not state the object of their visit, but it was no doubt in connection with the candidacy of Mr. Hardenbergh for the treasurership. It is reported that Senator W. P. Snyder of Chester will be a candidate to succeed Mr. Hardenbergh.

Off to San Lucie.

R. R. Quay of Pittsburgh is in the city visiting his father, the senator. They will leave on Saturday for the senator's villa at San Lucie, Fla., to spend the holidays. Senator Quay is tired out, having worked hard for several weeks past preparing for the fight for the passage of the omnibus statehood bill, and the rest of a few days in Florida will be a great boon to him.

Garland's Receipts Growing.

M. M. Garland, surveyor of the port of Pittsburgh, was here today and left for New York this evening. He said that his visit had no political significance, but he paid a call to Senator Quay. Mr. Garland is highly pleased at the increased business of his office, and says that the collections are now averaging the rate of $1,000,000 a year.

Another Pittsburgh Caller.

Another visitor here today was Rabbi J. Leonard Levy of Pittsburgh. He was on his way to Philadelphia to deliver an address and stopped over to pay his respects to Senator Penrose.

Scandrett Calls on Quay.

R. B. Scandrett of Pittsburgh was among Senator Quay's callers today. He left this evening for home.

Many Political Pilgrims.

Among the other Pennsylvanians who were in the city today were: H. K. Dougherty, Mercer; B. K. Focht, Lewisburg; Dr. H. D. Heller, quarantine physician of Philadelphia; C. N. Farr, United States appraiser's office, Philadelphia; Dr. James M. McGee and John J. Coyle of Philadelphia, and Capt. J. M. Clark, Harrisburg. They were all very reticent about the objects of their visits, but each had a mission, most of them in connection with the personnel of the governor's cabinet or the approaching session of the legislature. L. W. STRAYER.

King's Cousin Arrested.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—Gen. Bourbon y de Castellvi, a cousin of King Alfonso, was arrested yesterday evening in a gambling club. He was arraigned before the captain general and subsequently released. The general has challenged the prefect, who is responsible for the energetic attempts made to suppress club gambling.

BIGGEST SIGN IN THE WORLD.

New Yorkers, who are used to big things, have been astonished during the past week by a painted sign at the corner of Broadway and Spring street, covering the north side of two 11-story buildings. This sign covers 15,416 square feet of space and is by far the largest advertising sign ever painted. The picture is the well-known figure of "Sunny Jim," who for so many months has testified to the goodness of "FORCE," not only over the entire United States, but in the United Kingdom as well.

In this picture "Sunny Jim" is 112 feet 6 inches in height. His hat is 17 feet 6 inches tall and 15 feet broad. His nose is 10 feet long. His ear is 3 feet 9 inches high. His arm is 17 feet long; his legs 60 feet long. His thumb extends over a space of 5 feet. The height of his collar is 12 feet 6 inches, and his tie is 7 feet 6 inches in height. His cuffs are 6 feet 3 inches wide. The buttons on the coat are 3 feet 9 inches in diameter, and his cuff buttons are 3 feet 6 inches in length. "Sunny Jim's" feet are 20 feet long, and the cane which he carries is 50 feet in length. His dog, which sports along by his side, is 42 feet 6 inches in height.

With this enormous sign the reading matter is very brief and fills but a small part of the space. It is as follows:

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BURGLARS ARE ACTIVE AND FOOTPADS BOLD

Epidemic of Robbery Is on in Cities and Surrounding Boroughs.

Awakened by his sick wife, who asked that a door to her room be closed, Samuel Miller, a keeper in the county jail, who lives at No. 99 Haldine street, Greenfield, was surprised to find burglars in his house. Alexander Kokosky, a suspect, was caught and held in $1,000 bail before Magistrate John H. Armstrong at No. 4 police station yesterday morning.

The robbery was discovered about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. When Miller arose to obey his wife's request, he heard footsteps in the front hall. He took his revolver and went to the parlor and presently saw two men emerge from the house, their arms full of plunder. Miller gave chase, but the two robbers got away and Kokosky was captured later.

While returning to his home in Hickman from Carnegie last Wednesday night, John Teyssler was held up by two highwaymen.

John Matosch of Washington avenue, Braddock, was held up by three negroes and relieved of $14 50 in money and a watch and chain at Washington avenue and Thirteenth street Wednesday night Michael Patoch, a Homestead Hungarian, was also relieved of $2 by the same gang in Homestead earlier in the evening.

G. E. Brown, a salesman of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, was held up near Walkers Mills Wednesday night and relieved of $50 in cash.

On account of the numerous hold-ups which have occurred almost nightly for the past few months, County Detective Robert G. Robinson comes out with a statement in which he advises every person who is afraid of being held up to carry a revolver and use it in any emergency.

The official detective of Allegheny county claims negroes and foreigners are responsible for the many hold-ups, and says 1,000 policemen would not be adequate to stop the epidemic.

Ludwig Nelsen, formerly a nurse in the Mercy hospital, was held in $500 bail for court by Police Magistrate Bernard McKenna on a charge of larceny yesterday. He was accused of taking $20 from a patient in the hospital, and at the hearing confessed to the deed. He said that he had sent part of the money to Stockholm Sweden. Nelson was arrested by Detectives Frank Milholland and Edward Barry on Saturday night.

Gen. Sherman's Son to Lecture.

The Rev. Father Thomas Ewing Sherman, S. J., a son of Gen. W. T. Sherman, will deliver a lecture on "Social Democracy" on the evening of January 7 before the Catholic Truth society of St. Paul's cathedral in the lyceum in Fifth avenue.

CREDITORS GO AFTER ASPHALT CONCERNS

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Because of the failure of the receivers of the Asphalt Company of America and the National Asphalt Company to pay interest on the gold certificates outstanding against the defunct trust, a suit was instituted today in the United States circuit court by the Land, Title and Trust Company of Philadelphia, as trustees for the certificate holders, asking that all the property and securities of the asphalt concerns be sold to satisfy the interest and principal due on the certificates.

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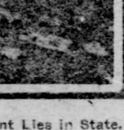

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Honus Wagner Proves a Star in Game of Basketball

WAGNER'S TEAM WAS THE WINNER

The Hero of Carnegie Proves a Star at Basketball.

FAST, CLEAN GAME

John Honus Wagner and his crew of Carnegie basketball players made their first appearance of the season at the Cathedral lyceum before a crowd of 200 enthusiasts last night, and succeeded in walking off with their first contest by a score of 30 to 16, which is a nice margin in so swift a game.

Honus had along as a side pardner Patsy Flaherty, who was the star twirler of the American association last season, and who will do stunts for Comisky's White Stockings next season. This pair of baseball stars demonstrated, to the satisfaction of everybody last night, that they can shine on the gymnasium floor as well as on the sodded diamond, and they are nearly stars at the indoor game. Of course Honus was the center of attraction, and his first appearance was greeted with loud cheers.

In order to repay his well wishers the hero of Carnegie got into the game up to his neck, and it can be truthfully said that he made the star play of the evening. This display happened early in the second half of the contest when Wagner got the ball right under his own goal, then skillfully dodging all opponents, he dribbled the ball the full length of the field and shot one of the cleanest goals of the evening. This play was greeted with the prolonged cheers that it deserved.

In the first part of the game "Buck" Barker of the Lyceum team started into keep an eye on the baseball player, but he found the job an exceedingly difficult one and soon exchanged places with a fellow player. Honus is as quick as a cat on his feet, and whenever there was a scrimmage he was to be found. The game applies to Patsy Flaherty, who, although new at the indoor game, showed by his clever work that he will soon be one of its stars.

It was the first game of the season for both teams, and there naturally was a lack of team work. This was more noticeable in the Lyceum than the Carnegie five, and there was likewise an apparent nervousness on the part of a majority of the players. At the start out it looked as though it was going to be a walkaway for the Wagner crowd, who scored six clean field goals, which netted 12 points before the opposing team had anything like a score. The Lyceum players, however, took a brace and the half ended 17 to 7 in favor of Carnegie.

After a 10 minutes' rest the team went at the second half and the playing was both fast and furious. The ball was shot up and down the field with great rapidity, and it was difficult for the spectators to follow the movements of the players. Taking into consideration the speed of the game it was a wonder some one was not knocked out, but there were no accidents or run-ins of any kind, which speaks well for the actions of the players on both teams.

This made the contest a pleasing one for the spectators, and the good, friendly, harmless rivalry will have much to do with popularizing the sport. The first goal in this half was scored by Wagner, and it was the star play of the game. The Carnegie team has a pair of rattling good forwards in Seibel and Flint, who know their business and attend to it at all times as does Stehle, the center. For Lyceum the best work was done by Thompson, Barker and Geisler.

By winning last night's game the Carnegie team takes a place alongside the South Side five in the Allegheny County league race, each team having won a game and lost one. Like Little, the league referee, presided over the game, and his rulings were so fair they were never questioned. The score and line up:

Carnegie—30.		Lyceum—16.
Randall	R. F.	Seibel
Thompson	L. F.	Flint
Geisler	Center	Stehle
Barker	R. G.	Wagner
Cadbolle	L. G.	Flaherty

Goals—Seibel 4, Stahle 6, Wagner 2, Thompson 5, Geisler 2. Goals from foul—Seibel 2, Geisler 2. Referee—Little.

THE TROLLEY LEAGUE.

It Is Looked on With Favor and Is Sure of Success.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 18.—The proposition to form a "trolley baseball league," to include New Castle, Youngstown, Greenville and Warren, O., seems to be meeting with general favor, and the prospects are that the organization will be formed. All the cities interested are connected by trolley, and the expenses of making the circuit would be so trifling as to be of no account. A low salary limit will be placed on the teams, and the game would be a great part be composed almost entirely of local players. It is thought this will so increase the rivalry and interest in the game as to insure the ventire financial success.

The new "trolley league" will secure protection under the national agreement. Leach Maskrey of Warren, O., has been suggested as a possible head of the new league. He is a capable baseball man, and has had years of experience in minor league management. As this city is hopelessly out of the proposed interstate league, the idea of the "trolley league" has engaged the favor of local baseball fans, who believe the venture will be more than successful.

PROOF OF DISASTER.

Wash-Jeff's Football Funds Are Very Low.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Manager William R. Craig of the Washington and Jefferson football team today submitted a detailed report of the finances of the season just past. The report shows a balance in the treasury from football receipts of $300 for the season which it had been expected would be unusually good was a disasterous one, due principally to the reverses earlier in the season and the unfavorable weather conditions.

The schedule next year will not contain so many hard games and more contests will be played on the home grounds, as the trips during the past season were all expensive ones and the management realized but little on them. Washington is a good football town and it is believed that if more games are arranged for this place more money will be taken in.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

Honus got the crowd excited when he shot four goals.

The ladies said Flaherty was "too nice for such a rough game."

Flint's five goals helped some. Stehle was a hot second, with four.

Lyceum must have thought the basket was hanging on the chandelier.

The Indiana (Pa.) team wants a basketball team for Christmas evening. Expenses 10 men. Write B. H. Lichteberger.

Company E, Eighteenth regiment, has organized a strong team and desires to arrange games with good teams having floors. Address C. France, 806 Empire building. Telephone 2918 Court.

The Columbia team plays its first game of basketball of the season at their new hall in Bellevue tonight with the strong Carnegie A. C. There is much rivalry between these teams and a hot game is expected. Big game starts at 9 o'clock.

The Company F junior basketball team has organized for the season, and would like to hear from all strong 12 and 14-year-old teams desiring games. Have a good floor to play on, and all conveniences possible. Address all correspondence to George L. Jones, manager, postoffice box 1837, Pittsburgh.

The Columbia Council A. A. has organized a basketball team and will play their games in their new gymnasium on Center avenue. Would like to hear from Pittsburgh Academy second team, Pittsburgh High school and Allegheny Preparatory school. C. C. A. A. will play the Lincoln Juniors, 18. For games address Manager Basketball Team, Columbian Council, Center avenue, city.

The Watson A. C. basketball team won its first game on Tuesday, December 16, defeating the Enterprise by a score of 20 to 2. Watson took the lead at the start off and the Enterprise team was never in it. Watson will play the Manchester Junior basketball team at the Manchester Turner hall, December 20. The Watson A. C. would like to hear from all 14 or 15-year-old teams. For games address James Weaver, care Standard Manufacturing Company, Allegheny.

The Enterprise A. C. reorganized last night and elected the following officers: H. Stewart, captain, and H. T. Graham, manager. The team is composed of Stewart and Stauffer, forwards; Kennedy, center, and F. Alton and H. Graham, guards. They would like to have a game for Saturday night, with any good 15 or 16-year-old team, to be played away from home. They would like to hear from the following teams: Manchester Juniors, Sterling A. C., South Side, third, Homestead High school, National A. C. of the Junior league and Carnegie Juniors. Any team desiring a game for Saturday night, December 20, will please address H. T. Graham, manager, 1309 Juniata street, Allegheny.

TWO MACKS FIGHT DRAW IN THE ST. LOUIS ARENA

Pittsburgher Is Harder Hitter, but New Yorker Is Shiftier on Feet.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 18.—Hugh McFadden and Jack McClelland fought 20 fast rounds to a draw at the West End club this evening, both men putting up a snappy battle throughout and finishing with honors even. At no stage of the fight did either man have much of a lead and Referee Sharp's verdict was well received.

It was McClelland's superior hitting against McFadden's cleverness throughout and Hugh's counters were the blows which scored points in his favor. That he is the quicker man on his feet seemed clear after a round or two, but at the end of the fifth period it looked as though Hugh would have to use all his speed to keep away from his opponent.

Then McFadden tried hook work while clinched and at this he found a good opening. He landed hook after hook and short arm blow after another while stepping back and thus made a flashier showing than McClelland, who played for the body and who sent in punishing jolts in response to McFadden's jabs. McFadden's left leads landed frequently on Jack's face, but they did not seem to worry the Pittsburgh man.

Once McFadden solved McClelland's reach and style of hitting, things became easier for him. He would step back in time to break the force of many of Jack's leads, and though McClelland's punches would land, they would often fall of force. When he struck McFadden squarely in the face, the Brooklyn man would reel and almost go down, but would always manage to duck on Jack's follow, wrap his arm about McClelland's waist and come up smiling from the breakaway.

To sum the contest up briefly, McFadden had slightly the better of the sparring, while McClelland had all the best of the hitting. He landed repeatedly on Hugh, but the latter's judgment of distance kept him from receiving much punishment. At that, McFadden's eye was bleeding and his mouth dropping a crimson stream at two or three stages of the contest.

McClelland and Mason got away for Pittsburgh at 11:30. McClelland's only mark is the old cut over his left eye, which McFadden reopened in the tenth round.

THE BATTLE TONIGHT.

Everything Ready for the Bout Between Jack McClelland and Eddie Toy.

One of the best contests between prominent featherweights that has been seen in this vicinity will be the 10-round bout between Jack McClelland of this city and Eddie Toy of San Francisco, before the Nonpariel club of Allegheny, in Manchester Turner hall, tonight. There will be two good preliminaries, six-round bouts, the first between Dave Battlestone of Buffalo and Frank McCloskey of Pittsburgh, and the other between Kid Brogan of the West End and Paddy Nee of Manchester. McClelland and Toy will fight at 124 pounds, to weigh in at the ringside. The main bout will be called at 9:30 p. m.

Toy arrived in Pittsburgh from St. Louis last night. He says he is in fine condition, and in better shape than when he met the Pittsburgh boy in St. Louis, when Jack was given the decision. Toy will do some light work tomorrow with Frank Sutton of Mt. Washington.

In meeting Toy in Allegheny tomorrow night McClelland will establish a record and accomplish a feat that has never before been attempted by a boxer of his reputation. This will be the first time in the history of boxing that a man has met a strong fighter in a 20-round go one night and then made a jump of more than 600 miles to meet another the following night. This is what the Pittsburgh boy will do. Last night he met Hugh McFadden, who is the only man who beat Kid Broad decisively, when the latter was at his best.

SULLIVAN IS SORRY.

John L. Takes Another Pledge and Talks About Himself.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The former mighty John L. Sullivan repented in sackcloth and ashes this evening in his cell in the central police station. He was arrested about 5 o'clock, after being drunk over 36 hours, but Manager Harris finally got to him and promised him if he got sober tonight he would open with him at Arcade No. 1 in Toledo tomorrow afternoon. Sullivan promised and took a pledge not to drink again on his present tour. He received $500 yesterday and today he was a broke man. In all the saloons he visited. His apostrophe to himself was characteristic, as he evidently realized what he had come to. He looked down at himself and said:

"You are a fine specimen, you are; you lop-sided, gray-headed rattlesnake. Why don't you brace up and be a gentlemen, even if it does hurt you? You was an actor who had Corbett, Fitz and Jeffries looking like sailing piaters. Today you are a bum. You great big stiff, you should by rights be locked up in a hathouse.

"You are making your last fight with King Booze, old man, and he's got you pretty groggy at the present time. It's been a long fight and a hard one, but it can't go on forever. Old man, it can't go on forever. Very soon the referee will count you out, as this looks to a sucker up a tree as if it is the last round."

THE HANDBALL EXPERTS.

The Woodlakes' Tourney Is Producing Some Fine Games.

The handball tournament for the individual championship west of the Alleghanies was opened yesterday afternoon. The tournament is being held under the auspices of the Woodlake team, and is receiving the personal attention of Mr. Sexmen, so that it must prove a success.

Among the list of players such names as Wood, Wilson, Ellis, Burger and Wixang appear, so that nothing but first class playing will be presented. O'Donnell, the famous expert from Dublin, and on whom the Cardinal club is placing much hope to win the proud title, gave a fine exhibition. Burger won nine straight games, all through his brilliant footwork. Score:

Name. Club.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Burger, Woodlake	9	0	1000
O'Donnell, Cardinal	6	2	.750
Wixnog, Woodlake	6	3	.666
Boshford, Woodlake	5	3	.625
Wood, Cardinal	5	5	.500
Ellis, Concord	4	6	.400
Wilson, Concord	3	6	.333
Reynolds, Nymph	3	6	.333
Smith, Olympia	2	7	.222
O'Hara, Olympia	2	7	.222

THE AMERICAN CIRCUIT.

Ban Johnson Fails to Name Pittsburgh for a Place.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—In an interview Ban Johnson said: "To set at rest any reports of a change in the circuit I will say that as it looks now the American league circuit for next year will be Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis. There are good people in Pittsburgh who want us to go in there. They would like to get the Detroit franchise. If the league wants to make the switch that is for the club owners to say."

CALLED IT A DRAW.

Eddie Kennedy Had All the Best of Chris Himmler.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The 10-round fight here tonight between Eddie Kennedy of Pittsburgh and Chris Himmler of this place went the limit and was called a draw. Kennedy had all the better of the fighting and Himmler was badly punished.

Cowboy Still in the Lead.

In one of the most exciting pool games witnessed in Pittsburgh for some time, Weston, the cowboy champion, held his lead over Grant Eby at the World's Fair pool room, though only by the close score of two points. This is the closest pool game ever played here between two champions. Score by innings:

Eby—6, 8, 12, 15, 3, 14, 9, 12, 10, 0, 0, 10, 8, 2, 7—Total, 114.

Weston—9, 8, 2, 0, 12, 0, 6, 2, 5, 15, 12, 3, 0, 12, 8—Total, 103.

Total score—Weston, 403; Eby, 401. Referee—Mr. Childs.

Jack Kelly Knocked Out.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 18.—Clarence Forbes of Chicago knocked out Jack Kelly of Brooklyn in the fifth of what was to have been a 20-round bout here tonight. Kelly was decidedly outclassed.

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TRAP SHOOTING IS DEAD LOCALLY

Worst Season on Record. Herron Hill Club Held No Shoots.

FEW BIRDS KILLED

Pittsburgh is now experiencing the dullest season at trap shooting which has been known to the Smoky City in many long years. Where formerly there was an abundance of weekly shoots, with as large lists of contestants as could be conveniently handled, today a close search is necessary to reveal an active shooter, and the Herron Hill Gun club, the strongest in Western Pennsylvania, has during the present season, only made away with 250 pigeons instead of 10,000 to 15,000 as in years past.

On the Country club grounds out on the Beechwood boulevard, where a fine set of traps were recently installed, there has not been enough shooting to wear the grass off the sward.

The Herron Hill Gun club is so dead that it might as well be out of existence as far as any active participation in the local field of sports is concerned. Club shoots have been utterly unknown this year and few straggling members making the trip to Davis Island, as the fancy suits them, is all the life the once well-known organization has been able to muster.

A schedule of winter shoots has been issued each season up to the present, but no attempt at an organized shoot has yet been made and nearly a thousand birds are eating their way into the club treasury while the members seem to have forgotten that there is such a sport as trapshooting.

The season opens the first of October and runs until about May. When the club first moved down to Davis Island as high as 16,000 birds were shot in a season, and last year the total reached about 5,000. Unless the members get a hustle on there will hardly be one thousand birds shot this season, as is evidenced by the small average of 250 pigeons up to the present time.

What trap shooting is done about Pittsburgh now generally takes place on holidays, and quite a number of turkey shoots and live pigeon events are scheduled for Christmas day. One of these will be held on the grounds at Calhoun park, where a number of men are interested in pulling off private shoots whenever the fancy suits them.

WILL BE WARM HOCKEY.

Bankers and Victoria Teams Will do Battle Tonight—New Players for the Teams.

At Duquesne garden tonight the Bankers and Victoria hockey teams will line up for the second time this season, and judging from their first meeting several weeks ago, a hot and fast contest is expected. The first game, it will be remembered, resulted in a victory for the Bankers by a score of 4 to 1, but the game was afterwards thrown out by the Western Pennsylvania Hockey league officials because of the trouble over Hod Stuart, whose services were claimed by both teams. This and the fact that the Victorias and Bankers are running close together in the league race will make tonight's battle of more than usual interest.

So far the Victorias have won two games and lost none. The Bankers have won one and lost none, but have a tie to play off. James Mackay, a new player to Pittsburgh, will be in the Victoria line-up tonight. He played goal for the Ottawa Intermediates and stands next to Hutton, the famous Ottawa goaltender. Manager Thompson of the Keystones received a telegram from Fred Lake of Winnipeg, who will probably arrive today.

Manager Conant of Duquesne garden yesterday received two letters from the hockey association of Canada, containing an official list of the players who have been disqualified. The list settles all controversy over Pittsburgh playing disqualified men, as none of the men now in Pittsburgh are on the list. The following is tonight's line-up:

Victoria.		Bankers.
Mackay	Goal	Richardson
Steen	Point	Morphy
Cuval	Cover Point	Hod Stuart
A. E. Sixsmith	Forward	Ed Stuart
B. Stuart	Center	Campbell
G. Sixsmith	Right Wing	Penwick
Henry	Left Wing	Howard

TWO FOR LIBERTY.

Braddock Bowlers Made Fine Start, but Couldn't Hold Out.

The Liberty and Braddock teams of the Allegheny County Bowling league met last night on the Liberty alleys and the home team proved victors in two of the three games rolled. The visitors made a fine start, winning the first game by clever work, but fell down on the next two. The scores:

Liberty—			
Murdock	134	154	140
Moeller	165	166	181
Rhodes	153	166	178
Darrow	172	149	141
Metzger	150	142	
Pollock			110
Totals	776	764	750
Braddock—			
Nugent	188	148	121
Donovan	154	147	155
Garbett	138	168	173
Bates	144	127	151
Westlake	187	139	151
Totals	829	746	701

Will Be a Fast Fight.

Tomorrow night's 10-round contest at the Tariff club, Natrona, between Mull Bowser and Walter Burgo, the Boston boy, should be a rip, bang affair from start to finish, with the fur flying thick and fast, and the winner hard to pick. Bowser and Burgo met in one of the hardest contests ever seen in Cumberland, Md., the decision being a draw. As both are anxious to have a decision over the other, they have agreed that there must be a winner even if it has to be given on a slight margin.

Lutz and Lemon Matched.

BEAVER FALLS, PA., Dec. 18.—Lawrence Lutz of this place and Harry Lemon of Cleveland are matched to box ten rounds before the Nonpareil A. C. in the auditorium of their club house here on the night of Tuesday, December 23. Both men are training hard for the event.

LORENZ HUMORIST AS WELL AS DOCTOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—At the Bankers' association banquet tonight, Prof. Lorenz, the Vienna specialist, said: "I have had some curious experiences in this country. Perhaps the most curious was in Chicago. The board of health there made me undergo an examination in medicine, although I think I know something of my branch of my profession. Curiously enough, some weeks later they made me a doctor of laws, though I know nothing of law. Taught by that experience, you shall not talk more to you; because I fear if I stay here longer you will make me a banker, because I know nothing of banking."

PITTSBURGH MAIDENS WILL BE BRIDESMAIDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Miss Jeannette de Maurice, who is to marry Mr. George F. T. Brittan on January 19 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, has chosen for her bridesmaids Miss Marguerite Johnson and Miss Emma Humbird of Pittsburgh; Miss Marion Birge of Buffalo, Miss Julie Calhoun and Miss Sara Peters of this city. Her sister, Mrs. Kenneth M. Murchison, Jr., will act as matron of honor.

SENT TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING SUICIDE

READING, PA., Dec. 18.—Knauer Amole of Coatesville today pleaded guilty in court to the charge of attempted voluntary manslaughter in an endeavor to commit suicide. He was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and to 18 months imprisonment. Amole came to this city some time ago with a Coatesville woman, both having agreed to end their lives together. The woman's effort was successful.

FRENCH STEAMER IN DANGEROUS POSITION

TOULON, FRANCE, Dec. 18.—The steamer Medoc collided with the French cruiser Latouche Treville as she was leaving port. The Medoc grounded on the rocks and lies in a dangerous position. On board the Medoc are the mails, 223 passengers for the East Indies and a number of sailors intended for the French warships on the China station.

JOE STEEN,
A Hockey Star of Local Production, Who Plays for Victoria Tonight.

PITTSBURGH TEAMS UNDER HOCKEY BAN

Ontario Hockey Association Refuses Permission for Canadian Teams to Play Here.

TORONTO, CAN., Dec. 18.—The Ontario Hockey association intends taking a firm stand on the question of allowing teams within its fold to play clubs in Pittsburgh. Absolutely no such permission will be granted for the reason that there is ample and undeniable proof that the Pittsburgh clubs are purely professional, paying straight salaries to their players.

It might be as well, too, to state that any team defying the O. H. A. in this matter, not only involves the seven men actually taking part in the matches, but also every team in the organization, as was brought out in the case against the R. M. C. team of Kingston last winter. Thus should Queen's senior team play in Pittsburgh that action would involve Queen's III., which is in the junior O. H. A. series, although the first team is not a member of the O. H. A. at all.

With this question firmly decided upon clubs need not waste time in asking permission of the O. H. A. to play matches in Pittsburgh.

The Frontenacs of Kingston applied for such permission today and were refused by President J. Ross Robertson for the reason that Pittsburgh clubs are professional bodies.

Now that the Canadian Hockey league has refused the application of Cornwall there is nothing left for that club but to take its place once more in the senior series of the O. H. A. The series will likely consist of Cornwall, Smiths Falls, Morrisburg, three of the Frontenacs in the east, and the Wellingtons, St. George's and Sault Ste. Marie in the west.

THREE INFANTS FOUND DEAD IN THEIR BEDS

Sudden Death of Children Attributed to Croup—Other Cases at the Morgue.

Croup was the cause of the sudden deaths of three children, reported yesterday to the coroner. Martha Kuns, aged 14 months, was found in bed dead yesterday morning at the Curtis home, No. 83 Fulton street, the child having strangled to death from a severe cold some time during the night. John Hartman, aged 6 years, also died during the night from the same cause at the home of his parents in Fulton, near Oakmont. The two-months-old child of William Hessons of Bennet station on the West Penn railroad was found dead yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock.

Fred Ginelli, aged 63 years, was struck by passenger train No. 22 in the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie yards, South Side, yesterday afternoon, about 1 o'clock, and instantly killed. Ginelli lived alone in a shanty in the rear of 32 West Carson street. He was destitute and was in the habit of gathering coal in the railroad yards to replenish his fire, and is supposed to have been on this errand when he met his death.

A. F. Shook, a brakeman of the Fort Wayne railroad, who was run over by a train in the Allegheny yards on Tuesday morning, died yesterday, at 10 a. m., at the Mercy hospital. He was 43 years old, married and resided at No. 950 Kirkpatrick street.

Anton Smith, aged 25 years, was found dead in bed at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by his roommate. His death is attributed to heart disease.

The death of Thomas Phillips, aged 55, a coal miner, by a fall of slate, in Stowe township, was reported to the coroner last night.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

Devastation in Guatemala Caused by Volcanic Eruptions Makes Life Almost Intolerable.

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, Dec. 18.—It is probably due to some government instructions that the papers here have not said anything with reference to the eruption of the Santa Maria volcano, which has been a national calamity. The losses suffered by German capital alone are not less than $6,250,000. If the total destruction of many other properties is added to this amount the actual losses ascend to a fantastic sum. The volcano is still in activity. The suffering is indescribable.

Owing to the unusually high rate of exchange, business is entirely paralyzed, for all imported articles have reached such prices that very few persons can afford to buy them. The situation is almost unendurable.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Man Arrested in Canton, O., Is Alleged to Have Impersonated a Government Employe.

CANTON, O., Dec. 18.—Edmund Hauser has been arrested by United States officials and will be given a hearing at Warren tomorrow. The charge against Hauser is that he represented himself as a government employe to examine and withdraw from circulation counterfeit coin.

Accordingly he, it is alleged, visited a number of stores in this city and, showing a badge which seemed to prove his statement, was allowed to examine money in the cash drawer.

In several instances he is said to have taken money and placed it in his pocket on the ground that it was counterfeit and would have to be confiscated. The sum of money obtained was not large.

GENERAL NORD IS PRESIDENT OF HAITI

PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, Dec. 18.—Gen. Nord, having been acclaimed president of Haiti by the army, took possession of the national palace this morning.

Youngwood Hotel Burned.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Youngwood hotel, erected a year ago at a cost of $15,000 by James L. McCain, formerly a Pennsylvania railroad detective, was destroyed by fire last night. The flames were caused by crossed electric wires. Several guests had narrow escapes. The loss is almost total. Mr. McCain carried $15,000 insurance.

Ex-Attorney General Dead.

MARION, MASS., Dec. 18.—The Hon. Hosea M. Knowlton, former attorney general of Massachusetts, who was stricken with apoplexy on December 6 at his home here, died tonight.

ANOTHER JOCKEY GOT THE DUMPS

Pickering Was Suspended for Bad Ride in First Race.

TWO FAVORITES WIN

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—John Peters and Commissioner Forster were the only winning favorites. W. W. Finn, who bought Suburban Queen for $1,000, sold her today to C. Johnson for $1,200. Finn ran Commissioner Forster up to $1,700 today and bought him at that figure. The stewards have recommended the suspension of Jockey Pickering for his unsatisfactory ride on the filly Sontag in the first race today. Weather fine; track slow.

First race, 6 furlongs—Marco, 95, Fuller, 15 to 1, won; Irene Mac, 100, Gannon, 8 to 5, second; Candareen, 100, Scully, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:17. Sontag, Brookston, Epidemic and Oronte also ran.

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs—Andes, 103, Fuller, 15 to 8, won; Harry Wilson, 103, Gannon, 11 to 5, second; Bummer, 107, Helgeson, 18 to 5, third. Time, 1:16 2-5. Antonia, Brown Vail, Chorus Boy, Lemoyne and Alpaca also ran.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Vesuvia, 117, Robertson, 20 to 1, won; Alfred C., 127, B. Williams, 3 to 1, second; El Rey, 117, C. Wright, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:47. Lord Papper, Simeon, Jerry Hunt, Rayomen, Judge Magee, Lord Neville, Maid of Enid and Powdy G. also ran. Gray Forge was interfered with and pulled up.

Fourth race, handicap, 1 mile—Jessie Jarboe, 110, Helgerson, 9 to 1, won; C. B. Campbell, 105, Buchanan, 7 to 2, second; Moor, 90, Waug, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:45. Major Mansir, Prince of Endurance and Huntress also ran.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—John Peters, 112, Gannon, 7 to 10, won; Ben Mora, 99, H. Booker, 12 to 1, second; St. Tammany, 99, Davisson, 40 to 1, third. Time, 1:03. Potente, Tom Kingsley, Okla. Beach, Grantor, Smile, Herodiade and Midnight Chimes also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Commissioner Forster, 103, Gannon, 8 to 5, won; Optimo, 102, Cogswell, 7 to 2, second; Atheola, 94, Scully, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:52 2-5. False Lead, Swordsman, Pay the Fiddler, Heroics and Shut Up also ran.

Entries for Tomorrow.

First race, purse, 2-year-old colts, 5½ furlongs—Judge Cantrill, 100; Showman, Pageant, 103; Hurry, 107; Farmer Jim, Blanco, Rankin, Anzeiger, Cincinnatus, Floyd K., 110; My Surprise, 112; Glennevis, 115.

Second race, selling, 7 furlongs—Playlike, Futch Carter, 102; Moran, The Caxton, 104; Tillo, Aline Abbott, Kiss Quick, Hengist, Lofter, Sarilla, 107; Moranda, 109; Peter Duryea, 114.

Third race, purse, 1 mile—Phil Knight, Itacalaria, Water Edge, 100; Tom Kingsley, 105; Hanover Queen, 109; Rough Rider, 114; Bellino, 117.

Fourth race, high weight handicap, 6 furlongs—Provost, 108; Farmer Jim, 110; Worthington, 115; Antonius, 116; Death, 118; Echodale, 112; Golden Rule, 143.

Fifth race, selling, 1¼ miles—Potheen, 90; Irving, Mayor, 96; Marcos, 98; Trocadero, Henry of Franstamar, Banish, 101; Erne, 102; Cogswell, 104.

Sixth race, purse, fillies, 6 furlongs—Helen Hay, Sensee, Primus, Our Rosie, 100; Suburban Queen, Mrs. Frank Foster, 107; Sweet Alice, 112.

THE DEATH ROLL.

William Gaston Warnock.

Ex-Sheriff William Gaston Warnock, one of the most widely known Republican leaders of Lawrence county, Pa., died at his home in New Castle Wednesday night, after a short illness. He was the son of James Warnock, a pioneer of Lawrence county, and was born in 1825 in Shenango township. In 1886 he was elected sheriff by a large majority. During the civil war he served first in the Eighty-eighth Ohio regiment, and then enlisted for the balance of the war in Company H of the famous Roundheads, One Hundredth Pennsylvania regiment. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. Ex-Sheriff Charles G. Warnock, Mrs. Ada, wife of Health Officer William H. Vance, and Miss Laura of this city and William Warnock of Coraopolis.

Gen. Wager Swayne.

Gen. Wager Swayne died yesterday in his apartments at the Hotel Renaissance, New York, where he had been ill for 10 days. He was born in Columbus, O., in 1834. He was educated at Yale, afterward studying law at the Cincinnati Law school. He graduated from Yale in 1856 and secured his legal degree three years later. During the civil war he served with the Ohio volunteers and during an engagement in South Carolina he was wounded and lost a leg. In August, 1861, he was promoted to a major and rose to major general for gallant service during the war. On July 1, 1870, he retired from the army. Gen. Swayne at one time was general counsel for the Western Union Telegraph Company and also the counsel for the Wabash railroad, the Associated Press and other large corporations.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Rhodes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Peebles Rhodes, 63 years old, widow of James Rhodes, youngest brother of Joshua Rhodes, the well-known Pittsburgher, died yesterday afternoon of Bright's disease at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Hitchcock, in Youngstown, O. Mrs. Rhodes was born in Pittsburgh and for the past 50 years had been a resident of New Castle. She was the mother of Robert T. Rhodes of the Allegheny National bank; T. R. Rhodes, general manager of the Pittsburgh Valve Foundry and Contraction Company; J. D. Rhodes, president, and George T. Rhodes, secretary of the Pennsylvania Casting and Machine Company. Funeral services will be held at her late home, No. 188 Lincoln avenue, New Castle, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, New Castle.

Mrs. Harry C. Means.

Mrs. Emma Means, 40 years old, wife of Harry G. Means, a business man of Brookville, died early yesterday morning at the Seventh Avenue hotel. Mrs. Means came to Pittsburgh over a week ago to do her Christmas shopping and contracted a severe cold. Her condition became serious, and on Wednesday her relatives were called to Pittsburgh and were at her bedside when she died.

Miss Annie T. Carney.

Miss Annie Theresa Carney, 16 years old, daughter of Michael Carney of Penn street, North Braddock, died suddenly yesterday from rheumatism of the heart. She had been ill at various times since last April. She was born in Braddock and was a member of St. Brendan's Roman Catholic church.

Remains Sent Home.

The remains of Mark I. Thomas, manager of the F. W. Dodge Advance Construction Company, who was killed by a train Wednesday morning at Bellevue, were yesterday sent to his former home in Reading, a suburb of Boston, Mass.

Obituary Notes.

William M. Wallace, aged 55, cashier of the Second National bank of Erie, Pa., died yesterday at Spring Lake, N. J.

James L. W. Warnock, a well-known business man of Beaver, Pa., died yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warnock.

James Means, 78 years old, a former prominent coal operator, is dead at his home in Wesley avenue, McKeesport. His widow and eight children survive.

William J. Rooney, former receiver of taxes of Philadelphia, died yesterday. He represented the Eighteenth district in the state legislature from 1875 to 1876.

Mrs. Bridget Flynn, mother of Brother Florian, a professor in Notre Dame university, Indiana, died at her home, No. 1310 Poplar street, Allegheny. Six children survive.

Mrs. Catherine G. Goldbach, 63 years old, mother of Sister Mary Margaret, stationed at Mercy hospital, is dead at the family home in Brownsville road, Mt. Oliver. Six children survive.

State Senator George W. Wilhelm of Canton, O., died unexpectedly yesterday of heart failure. He had been a member of the lower Ohio house twice and of the senate, and was well known throughout the state.

Jesse Cornelius, a well-known citizen of Beaver Falls, Pa., is dead of typhoid fever. He was 58 years old, and is survived by his widow and several sons and daughters. One of his daughters, Miss Harriet, is a teacher in the public schools.

Charles J. Griffin, aged 58, one of the best-known politicians in Ohio and former speaker of the Ohio legislature, dropped dead of heart disease in his office at Toledo, yesterday. The school laws of the state were revised by him during his last term in the legislature.

TRYING TO PROVE REIGN OF TERROR

Non-Union Men Tell Commission of Troubles During Anthracite Strike.

GRAY ON BOYCOTTING

Justice Indignant at Cowardly Actions to Keep Men from Working — Arbitrators Will Adjourn Saturday.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SCRANTON, Dec. 18.—The coal strike commission listened today to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the strike. About a score of witnesses were called by attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the miners' union. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay and some times objected because of the irrelevance of other statements.

Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject.

Commission Wants to Know.

The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region, and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

"The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessaries of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car to inclement weather, while a street car strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify."

He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced them to refuse to sell necessaries of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he were a storekeeper he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

One man testified that a union man had threatened him and later on fired four shots at him because he would not stop work. The unionist was sent to jail.

Try to Destroy by Fire.

A family of three, father, son and daughter-in-law, told how the son was chased from their home in Upper Lehigh in the middle of the night, and how the crowd of 50 or 60 smashed the furniture and ornaments in the house and then attempted to destroy the house with fire.

Mrs. Kate McNamara of Parsons, near Wilkesbarre, said her husband was working in the mines and could not come home for fear of bodily harm. One night when she and her four young children were alone in the house and in bed, the house was discovered on fire. The mother and children escaped and the place was destroyed. She did not prove that strikers fired the house, but Chairman Gray said her testimony led to the inference that it was "most probable that the fire was of incendiary origin."

Duncan McIntyre of Nanticoke, who was worked as a blacksmith during the strike, testified that he and his wife were hanged in effigy in the public streets of Nanticoke. He was also otherwise annoyed.

Afraid to Use Revolver.

August Schuech of Hazleton, who worked for the Lehigh Valley company through the suspension, testified that he was attacked by a mob while he and his son were going to work, and that he was severely injured by being hit by rocks, that he was stabbed three times and had five ribs broken. He was acting as a coal and iron policeman at the time, but did not use his revolver because he was afraid of hitting his son, who was being beaten by the crowd at the same time, and was badly used up. Many of those men he said were strikers. Among those in the crowd and assisting in beating him, the witness said, was 'Squire McKelvey of Hazleton. The son of the witness corroborated the testimony of the father.

Henry Vermiliye of Dorranceton said he was forced to join the union by the superintendent of the John C. Haddock Coal Company, in order to keep peace at the colliery. This was before the strike began. Later he left the company because he th

TOO DIFFICULT TO RETIRE NOTES

One of Worst Features of Present National Bank Law Says Ridgely.

SPEAKS AT BANQUET

Tells New York Bankers' Association All Should Pull Together for New Currency Measure Even If Not Altogether Perfect.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Barrett Ridgely, comptroller of the currency; President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university; the Rev. Dr. Robert S. McArthur, Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the bankers of the city, composing Group 8 of the New York State Bankers' association, given at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. Comptroller Ridgely spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency," saying, in part.

The one great objection which can be fairly made to the national banking system is the lack of elasticity in the currency which is issued.

Any complete and satisfactory solution of our present currency problems should include some plan for the retirement of the legal tenders. I believe the bank note circulation can be greatly improved by a few quite conservative changes which will add to its elasticity, or rather introduce some elasticity where there is now practically none, and I urge every man who agrees that these changes will improve the currency to give his support to the effort, even if what is proposed does not accomplish all he wishes to see done.

Too Difficult to Retire.

The act of 1882 contains a prohibition of the retirement of more than $3,000,000 of national bank notes in any calendar month. This prohibition has not only prevented the contraction of the currency when the notes have become redundant, but also prevents expansion when it is needed. Owing to this difficulty of retiring their notes, many banks refuse to increase their circulation when otherwise they would do so. Whatever necessity there ever was for this restriction on retirement has long since ceased to exist, and the restriction should be removed. If there is nothing else done in regard to the currency, this should be done at once.

The prime requisite for an elastic currency is frequent redemption and freedom of retirement. To have a proper and true elasticity, contractibility is as necessary as expansibility. We have in circulation such a vast amount of currency which is practically indestructible—our legal tender United States notes, gold and silver certificates, as well as bank notes, that it is and will continue to be very difficult to introduce any elasticity into it, unless we can supply it by the bank notes. This adds to the urgent necessity of giving them the greatest possible measure of this quality.

Best Plan Suggested.

I think the best plan which has been suggested for modifying our bank currency is to allow the banks to issue more than the par value of the bonds deposited. The first consideration should be to make these notes absolutely secure to the holder.

The government can safely guarantee or insure these notes if protected by the bonds held for a part of their value, and in addition, by a guarantee fund to be raised by a tax or premium for insurance levied on the bank circulation.

The restrictions of the national banking act in these regards have been demonstrated to be wise and beneficial. It would be much better for the business of the country if all commercial banking were done mainly by banks in a uniform system under government supervision. This should be encouraged by making the system as attractive and profitable as can safely or fairly be done.

These additional notes should be exactly the same in form and in all respects as those now issued. In fact, the change should be made so the ratio between the circulation so that a bank might issue one and one-half times the par value of the bonds deposited, the maximum amount of bonds remaining the same as now, equal to the capital stock of the bank.

"The Relation of the University to Business" was the subject of President Wilson's address. Mr. MacArthur spoke on "Bankers, the Promoters and Conservators of Civilization," Gen. Chaffee, on "Experience With Banks and Bankers," and Mr. Wise on "Something Which Bankers Don't Know."

COKE IS TIED UP.

Output Increases, But Shipments Fall Off in Connellsville Region Because of Car Shortage.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Courier will say tomorrow:

Coke production in the Connellsville region last week was better by about 2,000 tons, but shipments dropped below 20,000 cars. In two weeks they have fallen off nearly 1,000 cars and in the past six weeks nearly 2,000 cars a week. The outlook in this region is no better than it was a week ago, and it was no better than it had been for a month. Conditions are even worse for every spell but a most depressing effect on the railroads in their efforts to supply cars and move coke loaded and consigned to consumers.

The detailed report of the operation and output of the region for the week ending Saturday, December 13, shows a total of 21,960 ovens, of which 21,330 were active and 630 were idle. There were no changes compared with the report of the previous week. The running time was poor. While nearly all plants in the region had a six run scheduled there were a great many of them that did not turn out a five day production, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting cars.

Shipments were 19,710 cars, distributed as follows: To Pittsburgh and river tipples, 3,679 cars; to points west of Pittsburgh, 4,674 cars; to points east of Connellsville, 1,567 cars; compared with the shipments of the previous week this was a decrease of 301 cars.

In the Lower Connellsville region there are 4,369 ovens of which 4,045 were active and 324 idle. The latter are in the course of construction and will be fired just as soon as they are completed. Over 1,000 ovens are underway in the lower district. The tonnage there last week was 49,350 tons, compared with 45,520 the week before. Shipments were 1,260 cars, compared with 1,236 cars the week of November 6. Operations in the development of the Lower Connellsville region are very active. Much coal land has been sold or changed hands in the past month or two, and from it is estimated that the production of the district will be nearly double what it is today. Besides the plants now in operation increasing their oven list, a dozen or more new companies bought coal and have planned to build ovens in all parts of the field.

Furnace coke is quoted at $3 00; foundry coke at $3 75 and $4 60 a ton.

EARTHQUAKE KILLED MANY.

Over One Hundred Meet Death and Many Houses Are Destroyed.

TASHKEND, ASIATIC RUSSIA, Dec. 18.—Three officials, two soldiers and 100 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan, Russian Central Asia, Thursday.

In addition 300 natives and 17 soldiers were injured, and 9,000 houses of natives and 150 Russian residences were destroyed.

English Parliament Prorogued.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon until February 17 by royal commission. Only a score of members of the house of commons were present when Lord Roberts announced the lower house to the house of lords to hear the king's speech.

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Schimmer st., 5 rooms, gas, third floor.....$15

PEARSON & KIRSCHLER,
209 Ohio st., Allegheny.

Rooms.

OAKLAND AVE., 324—Nicely furnished rooms, with board; gentlemen preferred.

Business Properties.

FOR RENT,
HOTEL.

16 rooms, cellar, large vault and wine room, large lot, 3 large porches, papered and painted in up-to-date style; opposite cork works, employing 900 people, and near large coal works; no license within 3 miles; $250 license; near car line and R. R. station; 30 minutes' ride to city. Will sell on easy terms.

S. G. ROESSLE,
Rooms 826 and 827 Park building.

Offices.

OFFICES TO LET.

En suite; new Lewis Block annex, Sixth avenue and Smithfield street; large, sunny and centrally located.

APPLY H. L. WASS,
341 Sixth ave.

To Let — Good sized office in Chronicle Telegraph Building, 347 and 349 5th Ave.

Stables.

FOR RENT—Stable in rear of 949 Penn avenue; will accommodate five or six horses; immediate possession. Apply to P. Duff & Sons, 920 Duquesne way.

FOR SALE.

City and Suburban Residences.

HILL TOP.

$4,100—Frame house 7 rooms, hall, slate mantels, sliding doors, bath room, vestibule, front and rear porches, furnace, water heater, chandeliers; street paved and sewered; lot 37½x106 feet to an alley; possession at once.

BLACK & BAIRD,
419 Fourth ave., Opposite Postoffice.

HILL TOP.

$4,400—New house of 6 rooms, hall and modern conveniences; lot 25x106 feet, in a splendid locality; only 15 minutes' ride from city.

BLACK & BAIRD,
Opposite Postoffice.

McKEES ROCKS—$2,000—New house, 6 rooms; bath; large lot; $100 down, balance $20 monthly.

Sheraden—$1,250—New house, 4 rooms.

Sheraden—$1,900—New house, 5 rooms, bath.

IRON CITY REALTY CO., 325 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE.

City and Suburban Residences.

FOR SALE—
CENTER AVENUE,

$14,000, rents for $1,500. Brick building of 8 rooms and large store room, on corner, brick dwelling of 6 rooms, and 2 of 4 rooms each, all adjoining. The four houses are all in good condition, and have halls, baths, both gases, etc. This is an excellent investment.

S. ARNOLD, 434 Fourth ave.

(Estab. 1872. Oldest real estate firm in city.)

FOR SALE.

Brick house, 5 rooms, well finished; lot 40x112 feet, on Wylie ave., near Junilla st. Price only $4,600. See

COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE AND TRUST CO.,
327 and 329 Fourth ave.

REDUCED TO $8,000.

Bellevue, Pa., within one square of cars, on a 50-ft. street; an 8-room brick residence; slate roof, with lot 80x100 feet to an alley; see us at once if you want the biggest bargain in Bellevue. See

ALLEGHENY REAL ESTATE COMPANY,
6 N. Diamond, opp. City Hall.

ALLEGHENY, Perrysville ave. district; $1,900, frame, hall, 3 rooms, fine condition. Immediate possession.

$2,600—Frame, 6 rooms and bath; good house; possession at once.

Also Bellevue property, $4,000; frame, 9 rooms; all modern improvements; paved street; possession at once.

FEDERAL REALTY COMPANY,
First Nat. Bk. Bldg., Federal and Parkway.

FOR SALE—
NICE WILKINSBURG RESIDENCE.
Nine rooms, finished attic.
Bath.
Toilet.
Furnace.
Large lot; immediate possession.

JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave.

$8,000 only; Dearborn st., near Winebiddle, a frame house of 8 rooms, stone foundation, cellar, bath, chandeliers, all papered; front and rear porches; sewered and paved; easy terms. IRA C. EWING CO., 212-213 Ferguson Bldg.

FOR SALE—My house in Wilkinsburg
Is well built; good as new; paved street, $3000 home for Westinghouse man. Write E 78, The Gazette.

FOR SALE—Very desirable Bellevue home; latest improvements; select location; owner needs money. Address X 73, The Gazette.

Allegheny Residences.

FOR SALE.

Most desirable, Lincoln ave., Allegheny property, corner of Allegheny ave.; lot 224 ft. front With large house. See

COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE & TRUST CO.,
327 and 329 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE—
GOOD ALLEGHENY DWELLING.
Eight rooms, finished attic.
Bath.
Toilet.
Furnace.
Everything in prime order.
Possession at once. Easy payments.
Four minutes from the parks.

JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave.

East End Residences.

EAST END.

$5,000—Bone st., brick houses; 6 rooms, hall, hardwood floors, bath room, laundry, chandeliers, lot 35x100 feet; terms monthly.

$7,500—Horner st.; buff brick; 10 rooms, recep. hall, and modern improvements; lot 40x115 feet; possession immediately; terms easy.

$3,000—Euclid ave.; frame house; 6 rooms, side hall, modern improvements, shrubs; lot 22x125 feet.

BLACK & BAIRD,
419 Fourth ave., Opposite Postoffice.

Real Estate—Special.

OIL PRODUCTION AND FARM.

FOR SALE—Farm of 103 acres, Beaver county, 5 producing oil wells, 4 more proved locations drilling; 2 other gas wells; royalty and expense. Splendid farm land and excellent buildings. A bargain at $7,000. Call or write for particulars.

ROYAL REALTY CO., 804 Park Bldg.

CHOICE colonial house in Bellevue, 10 rooms, all conveniences, cor. Euclid ave. and Jefferson st.; will sell any frontage desired; also 14 choice building lots. Apply Wm. A. Bole, P. O. box 1587, Pittsburgh.

Farms.

FOR SALE—55-acre farm, Shaler township, with plenty of water, frame house of seven rooms, barn and all necessary outbuildings; will sell as a whole for $300 per acre, or will sell in parts to suit; as the same price and can be made to suit the purchaser; this land being so handy to the Millvale cars, it is really a bargain at $500 per acre; would suit excellently to lay out in building sites, cemetery or institution. This will not be offered or held good for a few days. Speculators, here is your chance. For further particulars, see

THOS. M'CAFFREY, EXCLUSIVE AGENT,
No. 5309 Butler st.

Both 'phones.

FARM—
170 acres in Beaver county, 4½ miles from railroad; good land; underlaid with coal; convenient to churches, school and stores; 6-room house, bank barn and other outbuildings; easy payments; a great bargain at $8,000.

ZAHNISER & CO.,
426 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE—Farm, 64 acres; frame house, 6 rooms, outbuildings, fruit, 2 miles from station, 12 miles from East End. Price $2,500. Terms reasonable. John M. Morrison, No. 503 Wylie ave., Yoder Building, fourth floor.

FOR SALE—Farm 72 acres, Indiana township, 2 miles from Harmarville, West Penn railroad; two veins coal; low price to quick buyer. Wm. F. Dice and John F. Dice, executors, 913 Main st., Allegheny Pa.

Lots.

FOR SALE.

Very desirable building sites, 50 ft. or more frontage can be had on Braddock ave.
East End. See
Commonwealth Real Estate & Trust Co.,
327 & 329 Fourth ave.

Lands and Acreage.

FOR SALE—
50 ACRES, NEAR WILKINSBURG,
Belongs to heirs and can be bought at less than value; conveniently sulted for plotting.

JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave.

Coal Lands.

FOR SALE—10,000 acres of coal land, adjoining The R.; 17 feet good coal at a depth of 200 feet. G. H. Dorris, Harrisburg, Ill.

For Sale or Exchange.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Five lots on block of Riverview park, Allegheny; 22x80 to 100 feet deep; will sell cheap as a whole, or will trade for small improved property and pay difference.

PEARSON & KIRSCHLER,
209 Ohio st., Allegheny.

Business Opportunities.

VALUABLE LEASE FOR SALE.

THIS FINEST STORE AND BEST LOCATION IN PITTSBURGH.
PRINCIPALS ADDRESS (NO AGENTS),
O 40, THE GAZETTE.

GROCERY STORE—Doing $1,500 per month, clearing $1,500 per year over and above living expenses; cheap rent, good lease, selling because health compels to retire; will sell or exchange for good property; will take in part payment a good house and lot; this is a rare chance; investigate this. Address Grocery, P. O. box 1587, Pittsburgh.

DRUG STORE—Only one in a good, permanent new town in Westmoreland county; 1,000 population and increasing rapidly; lowest rent; good reason for selling; invoice about $1,700.

ZAHNISER & CO.,
426 Fourth ave.

HOTEL—Furniture, license, etc., of hotel with 18 rooms in a good town near city; good bar trade; low rent, 3-year lease; investigate this; price $4,500.

ZAHNISER & CO.,
426 Fourth ave.

BUSINESS of all kinds bought and sold; partners secured for established business, etc.; all transactions strictly confidential.

W. J. KIRK, Room 1109 Arrott Building.
Wood st. and Fourth ave.

BUSINESS of all kinds sold, partners secured for established business, stock companies organized and industrial enterprises financed; all transactions strictly confidential.

THE PUBLIC TRUST CO., 236 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE.

Business Opportunities.

MEAT MARKET—Fine location, living rooms connected, handling a small line of groceries; must be sold quick if sold at this sacrifice. Price $300.

HOWICK THOMPSON, 347 Fifth ave.

GROCERY STORE—Located in the East End; doing a business of over $1,200 per month; rent, including living rooms, $37.60; price $1,500.

W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott Building.

MILLINERY AND DRYGOODS STORE—In town 5,000 population; 100 miles from Pittsburgh; doing business $350 week; price $5,000.

CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

CIGAR STORE—In Allegheny, three living rooms; rent $23 per month, doing a nice little business, located on Ohio st. Price $300.

HOWICK THOMPSON, 347 Fifth ave.

RESTAURANT—One of the best in the city doing a business of over $5,000 per month; rent $125; room 27x140; price $1,500.

W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott Building.

WANTED—Steady, energetic young man with $350; well established business that will pay him $150 month, guaranteed. Call 531 Wood st., Room 608.

CIGAR STORE—Centrally located; doing a business of over $200 per week; rent $14; price $500.

W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott Building.

IF you want to buy or sell any kind of business, see CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

BUSINESS CHANCES—Send for list. Estep & Co., 326 Fourth ave.

Machinery.

ENGINES.
22x54 and 28x60 Corliss.
30x22 Automatic.
12 and 21x24 Cross Compound.
24x36 and 12x20 Mackintosh & Hemphill.

BOILERS.
8—60x16 Boilers.
2—175 H. P. B. & W.
6—42x26—Two flue Boilers.

MISCELLANEOUS.
44"x30", 30"x10" and 16"x16' Lathes.
42x40x13 and 18x10x36 Planers.
24" and 20" Drill Presses.
1—6" Pipe Machine.
1—60-ton Hydraulic Wheel Press.
1—No. 10 Cameron Pump.
1—7' Steam Crane.
1—22" Vert. Shear, 1—8-in. Horizontal Shear.
1—5-ton Yale & Towne hand traveling crane.
1—45"x35" Steel Bldg.
1—350 and 1-500 H. P. Heater, Brass Tubes.

ATWELL MACHINERY COMPANY,
507 Hamilton Bldg.
Bell 'phone 1886 Grant. P. & A. 2699 Main.

FOR SALE—Boilers and engines, all sizes, from 3 to 125 H. P., stationary and portable upright boilers always on hand; large assortment kept in stock; shafting, pulleys and hangers, and large lot of miscellaneous machinery; second-hand belting, leather and rubber; large stock of all sizes at low prices; machinery of all kinds bought and exchanged.

JOHN S. YOUNG,
108-110 Park way, Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—A full line of boilers, engines, pumps, feed water heaters, rolling mill machinery, metal working machinery, valves, fittings, etc., all in first-class condition is always carried in stock by

WICKES BROTHERS,
Office 808 Frick Building.
Warehouse 45th St. & A. V. R. R.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

N. C. DAVISON,
Gas and Steam Engines, Boilers, Pumps, Compressors. 308 Frick Building.

Birds and Dogs.

A NEW lot of St. Andreasburg canaries just arrived; finest singers in the world; Harts mountain canaries; the largest stock at lowest prices; birds selected now held until Christmas; open evenings; send for catalogue. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st.

Sewing Machines.

WE REPAIR all makes of sewing machines; lowest prices; all work warranted; genuine needles and attachments of all makes.

C. CARTER,
131 Sixth st., next to Bijou. Bell 'phone, 5340 Ring 2, Grant.

Horses and Vehicles.

HORSES FOR SALE—Shuster at home Saturday with 12 head of horses. Come and see them. Freeport, Pa.

Pianos.

PIANO—World famous upright cover, stool, cheap. 711 North Euclid ave., East End.

Miscellaneous.

MARKET ST. LOAN OFFICE.

For Sale—
Unredeemed large solitaire diamond stud, weight about 5¾ k.; original cost, $625; will sell for $375.

For Sale—
Unredeemed gold watch, gent's, 14k. solid gold, 65 pwt. case, full jeweled, B. W. Raymond nickel movement; original cost, $100; will sell for $49.

For Sale—
Unredeemed diamond scroll pendant, containing 54 small and 7 large diamonds, total weight about 3½ k., all pure white matched stones; original cost, $270; will sell for $220.

For Sale—
Unredeemed pair solitaire diamond earrings, finely matched stones, weight about 1¾ k.; original cost, $225; will sell for $150.

Call at the money to loan office,
Market St. Loan Office, 214 Market st.,
Open every evening.

H. C. KNAPP, commercial job printer, 3521 Butler st. Both telephones.

Dancing Academies.

JAMES P. BROOKS' DANCING ACADEMY, 1010 Penn ave.—Advanced class Thursdays; beginners' classes Monday and Friday evenings.

M'DOUGALL'S Dancing Schools, 25 Federal, Allegheny, Cyclorama Auditorium and 4009 Butler, Pittsburgh. Afternoons, evenings.

BRAUN'S Dancing Academy; 10 lessons, three dollars. 58th and Liberty sts. Austin McFadden, owner.

WATCH for McDougall's opening, Cyclorama Auditorium, Allegheny.

Special.

MOVING?

If so, employ practical and experienced parties; it is the cheapest. Light wagons for hire, with or without drivers. Also carriages of passengers and packages to Perrysville and Wexford.

J. O'NEIL EXPRESS,
813 and 815 West Diamond, Allegheny.
Both 'Phones No. 453, Allegheny.

Dividends.

Office of Real Estate Trust Company,
December 12, 1902.

DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this company has this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent to stockholders of record December 20. Books to be closed from December 20 to January 2, both days included.

R. J. DAVIDSON,
Secretary.

Proposals.

PROPOSALS—Sealed proposals will be received until 6 o'clock p. m., December 23, 1902, by Henry A. Schwartz, chairman fire committee, Homestead borough council, for one combination chemical and hose wagon. Two 25-gallon tank chemical. Wagon to hold not less than 800 feet of hose. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lost.

LOST—Stock certificate No. 596 for one share Pittsburgh Grain and Flour Exchange, issued to Wm. N. Gordon & Co. Parties are warned not to negotiate same, as duplicate certificate has been applied for. Wm. N. Gordon & Co.

Detective Agencies.

M'SWEENEY'S Interstate Detective Agency, 425 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa.; transacts a general detective business; all communications strictly confidential.

Patents.

PATENTS—O. D. Levis; 25 years' attorney, 643 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh.

Election Notice.

Office of the National Glass Company,
Eighth and Penn avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11, 1902.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the National Glass Company held at the principal office of the company, at the corner of Penn avenue and Eighth street, in the city of Pittsburgh, on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1903, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of giving or withholding the consent of the corporation to issue preferred stock in exchange for a portion of the outstanding stock of the company in certain proportions of stock and cash, as may be determined at said meeting.

ADDISON THOMPSON, Secretary.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depositary,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of voting for or against amending Article 3, of the Articles of Association, to read: "The board of directors shall consist of not less than seven, nor more than fifteen stockholders," instead of "not less than seven, nor more than eleven stockholders," and to elect directors for the ensuing year.

THOS. W. WELSH, JR., Cashier.

The Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Pittsburgh,
245-247 Fourth avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this company, to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company, Nos. 245 and 247 Fourth avenue, Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m.

W. T. HOWE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Cosmopolitan National Bank,
Wood and Liberty Streets,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Wood and Liberty streets Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.

D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

Election Notice.

Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce,
Corner of Sixth avenue and Wood street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., at the banking house, corner Sixth avenue and Wood street.

A. C. KNOX, Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of th Duquesne National Bank to elect ten (10) directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 409 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 13th day of January, 1903, between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 1 p. m.

A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh,
4300 Butler st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Forty-third and Butler streets, Wednesday, January 14, 1903, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.

JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth ave. and Wood st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue, on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.

JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 13, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth avenue and Market street, on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of one (1) and three (3) o'clock p. m.

C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

The Federal National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for 15 directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

G. W. EISENBEIS, Cashier.

Western Savings & Deposit Bank,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 13, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for eleven directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 531 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 o'clock p. m.

CHARLES E. SCHUETZ, Cashier.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 11, 1902.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, to elect directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 226 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon.

J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Exchange National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1902.

ELECTION—The annual election for directors of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at the banking house, No. 240 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.

A. LONG, Cashier.

First National Bank of Birmingham,
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STOCKS STRONG, CLOSING AT BEST

Sudden Change in Sentiment Due to Better Outlook for Money and International Politics. Local Securities Firmer.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

On transactions approximating nearly 1,000,000 shares, the eastern stock market was firm from start to finish, and closed strong at the highest prices of the day. While the gains were general and the business well distributed, United States Steel and Southern Pacific were specially active and scored handsome gains, all of which were held at the close. Steel common reached 34½ and the preferred 84¼, the latter representing a recovery of more than 5 points compared with the recent low price, which, considering the amount of stock to be moved, was particularly noteworthy. Foreigners were buyers of these stocks as well as of Southern Pacific, and London is estimated to have purchased at least 30,000 shares. London quotations were higher, and while there were sales for the latter account during the middle part of the day, the close of the market again found the foreigners on the buying side. Houses with Washington connections also had large orders on the buying side, which was construed as reflecting confidence in official circles that the South American affair had passed its most serious stage. Another factor which counted on the cheerful side of the account was the expression of opinion by bankers that the money market was likely to turn the year without any additional flurry. Call loan rates were nominally unchanged at 5@5½ per cent, closing at 4@4½ per cent, but offerings of time money were more plentiful, and sterling exchange rates were easier.

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The money market is a more reliable barometer of international political affairs than any other one thing, and the fact that the governors of the Bank of England at their weekly meeting yesterday decided to allow the minimum rate of discount to remain unchanged at 4 per cent was more than an offset to the statement made in Parliament the day before by Premier Balfour that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Venezuela. This 4 per cent rate has been in force since the 30 of last October. It may be interesting in this connection to recall the movement of the Bank of England rate on the last previous occasion when the market was disturbed by international complications. It was on October 11, 1899, that a state of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal was practically acknowledged. Prior to that date the general public had only a hazy idea as to the exact location and resources of the South African republic, and certainly no one thought for a moment that the war would be more than a dress parade affair. Besides, the situation was entirely free from the probability of complications with any other great power, and none in fact did arise involving other than the two belligerents. The money market, however, was not deceived by the apparent insignificance of the affair. On September 28, 1899, the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England was 3½ per cent, and the reserve to liability 48.66 per cent. On the following Tuesday the financial world was startled by the announcement of a special meeting of the governors at which the rate was advanced to 4½ per cent. This was a full week before any acknowledgement was made that other than the usual degree of friction existed between the two countries, and a 4½ per cent rate could not be construed as a danger signal. On October 5 the rate was raised to 5 per cent, and the reserve dropped to 39.3 per cent. On November 30 the rate was advanced to 6 per cent, the highest quoted for 28 years, but even then the general public failed to appreciate the seriousness of the situation.

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It is a reasonable proposition, that if the South American incident was as serious as it appeared on the surface, the foreign money markets would give some indication. Certainly there is more friction, and the interests involved are immeasurably greater than in the South African affair; but the general public is as certain now as it was three years ago that in this era of the Christian civilization no power of the first-class will resort to the sword to settle a money dispute with a power so small as to render it difficult to classify in the family of nations. We have not in the United States a single financial institution that exercises the dominating influence in the domestic money market that the government banks of Great Britain, Germany and France exercise in their respective spheres, and for that reason our barometer may not be so delicately adjusted nor so accurate in its forecasts; but the stock market is a good substitute, and it has not indicated anything worse than "unsettled weather," and yesterday it was clearing. If it were not for the fact that ample reason for a firm money market in New York may be found in our great domestic trade activity; in our large imports and diminished exports of merchandise; in our industrial expansion; in our railroad deals, and in our numerous underwriting syndicates whose operations have been held in abeyance by the pending Northern Securities litigation—if it were not for all these facts, the strength of the money market since early last September might in the light of this week's events, be construed as foreshadowing something not now apparent on the surface.

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The local stock market was narrower, so far as the number of securities dealt in was concerned, and there were no transactions in bonds; but the tone of the general list was stronger, and the total sales reached 6,294 shares. Every active stock on the list closed at an advance, the gains ranging from small fractions to 2⅜ per cent, the latter United States Steel preferred, which on sales of 635 shares, advanced to 83¾ and closed at the top. Transactions in the common stock reached 1,600 shares at prices ranging from 32¾ to 34, the close being at 33⅞ bid. Crucible Steel common was also a strong feature and in the late dealings advanced to and closed at 18½. Most of the preferred changed hands at 83¼. Fire Proofing common was more active than for some days past and advanced to and closed at 25¼, the preferred sold at 37, an advance of ½. Westinghouse Electric second preferred was strong, advancing 2 points to 96¾, and closing at 96⅛ bid. Window Glass closed a dollar higher at 52¾, after selling at 53. The coal stocks were dull, but firm, Pittsburgh preferred selling at 87 and River preferred at 40. There was only one transaction in trust shares, 10 shares Peoples Trust selling at 108. Westinghouse Savings and Deposit was firm at 115 bid, and there were no offerings under 120.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

It is reported that the earnings of the American Locomotive Company for the six months ended with December will amount to $15,265,352, an increase of more than $3,000,000 over the same time last year.

A message was received by a Pittsburgh banker yesterday from an international banker in New York to the effect that there was a distinct change for the better in the tone of the money market, and now that the Venezuelan trouble appeared to be in a fair way for amicable settlement, it looked as though the highest rates for the year had already been experienced and that a return to normal rates would occur early in the new year.

The head of a local brokerage house said yesterday after the close of the market: "Money is getting easier in Pittsburgh. I was offered 30-day money today by a bank which has heretofore been closely loaned up. I was a little curious to learn where the funds came from and was told that it represented an increase in country-bank balances. That is a pretty good sign at this season."

Republic National bank was offered at 119.

Just before the close of the local market yesterday Eberhardt sold a block of 500 shares United States Steel preferred at 83⅞ to Robinson Bros.

There appeared to be good buying orders at the close of the local market for all the steel stocks, particularly United States Steel preferred and Crucible common.

Fourth avenue comment was to the effect that before the profits on the Union Steel deal can be definitely figured a market must be found for the bonds to be received in payment.

The members of the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday nominated the following ticket for officers to serve for the ensuing year, the election to be held January 2, 1903: For president, John W. Crawford and James Caruthers; for vice president, A. J. Lawrence; for treasurer, Barbour Jr.; for directors (nine to elect), S. J. Walnwright, Jr., R. C. Hall, P. B. Schoyer, John Ramsey, A. C. Wettengell, George L. McFarlane, Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., Fred Way, N. R. Evans, H. A. Marling, Samuel T. Moor, Arthur Bawl, John M. Anderson. Arbitration committee (five to elect), John D. Bailey, A. E. Masten, E. N. Doty, D. Jenkins, Jr., H. M. Willis, T. H. Given, H. Campbell, M. D. Ulery, D. M. Campbell.

Forecasts of tomorrow's New York bank statement indicate an increase in reserve and a decrease in loans.

Bears declared that yesterday's advance in the eastern stock market was due to shorts covering. This may be partly true, but these bulls retort, why should they cover on a steady rising market if there has been no change in the outlook?

The Philadelphia Dispatch says: "It is said that the banking house of the Bleichroeders of Berlin, which has extensive interests in this country, will underwrite the bonds which will necessarily be an incident of the payment of the Venezuelan claims."

The gross earnings of 50 roads for the first week in December show an average increase of 5.68 per cent.

Wall street wire: "One of the most encouraging features in the market is the persistent strength of the steel stocks. This was due not only to the covering of a large short interest, but also to rumor which seems to emanate from Pittsburg to the effect that the management of the company is to be entrusted to other hands than at present."

The general opinion was that the market would open higher today, but that the bankers would check any rampant bull movement before the close.

Sterling exchange dropped 15 points and is now well below the gold exporting point. Cotton was also lower on increased receipts.

The large increases this year in the capital and surplus accounts of the New York clearing house banks have been overlooked, or subordinated to general criticism of the expansion of loans. The latest bank statement shows for the associated banks a combined capital account of $102,251,900, as compared with $82,872,700 in the first week of 1902, and a combined surplus or net profits account of $121,964,800 as compared with $100,360,000 in the first week of 1902, an increase since the first week of 1902 of $19,576,200 in capital and $21,594,800 in surplus, or an increase of capital and surplus together amounting to $41,575,000.

The statement of the Baltimore & Ohio for November shows an increase in gross earnings of $80,991 and a decrease in net of $41,964.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday aggregated 6,294 shares. Sales:

10 to 10:30 a. m.

100	U. S. S. com.	32¾	
100-100	do	32⅞	
200-100-50	do	33	
100	F. Proof. com	24⅞	
5	Electric 2ds..	95½	
20	P. Coal pfd...	87	
20	do	87	
48	P. P. Glass..135		
7	R. Coal com. 10		
50	Brewing com. 30		
60	do 30		
50	Brewing com.	30½	
16	W. Glass com.	53	
50-50	do	52½	
10	U. S. S. pfd..	83	
50	Crucible com.	17⅝	
10	do	17¾	
50	P. Coal com..	25½	
50-100	do	28½	
50	R. Coal pfd...	40	
100	do	40	

10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

50	R. Coal pfd.. 40		
50-100-100	do 40		
30	U. S. S. com.	32⅝	
100	do	33⅛	
100-50-50	do	33⅜	
100-100-100	do	33⅝	
100	F. Proof. com	24⅞	
100-50-7	do	25	
100	do	25⅛	
50-50	do	25¼	
25	W. Glass com	52½	
10-5	do	52⅝	
48	M. L. & H....	88	
5	F. Proof. pfd.	36½	
20	Electric 2ds..	96	
25	P. Coal pfd...	87	
200	do	87	
5	Brewing com.	30¼	
10	Peoples Trust	108	
15	Crucible com.	17⅞	
10	Crucible pfd..	83½	
20	do	83¾	
5	P. P. Glass...	135	
59	Marsden	4½	

12:30 to 2 p. m.

50	F. Proof. com	25¼	
50-50-50	do	25¼	
25	F. Proof. pfd.	37	
5	M. L. & H....	88	
25	Crucible com.	18	
75-50	do	18	
50	do	18⅛	
10	do	18	
50	F. Proof. com	25¼	
47-50	do	25¼	
100	U. S. S. com.	33½	
50	do	33⅝	
50	Crucible com.	18⅛	
25-50-90-35-70...		18⅜	
40-100	do	18½	
15	Brewing com.	30¼	
100	W. Glass com	52⅞	
15	P. Coal pfd...	87	
4-50	do	87	
10	Phila. com....	43½	
1	Crucible pfd..	83½	
2-50	do	83½	
10	U. S. S. pfd..	83⅝	
25	do	83⅝	
500	do	83⅞	
50	Electric 2ds..	96⅜	
50	do	96⅛	
5	P. Coal pfd..	87	
10	do	88	

2 to 3 p. m.

10	Phila. com....	43½	
1	Crucible pfd..	83½	
2-50	do	83½	
10	U. S. S. pfd..	83⅝	
25	do	83⅝	
500	do	83⅞	
50	Electric 2ds..	96⅜	
50	do	96⅛	
100	P. Coal com..	28⅝	

Summary.

SHARES.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	C'ge
170 Brewing com....	30½	30	30½	+½
725 Crucible Steel..	18½	17⅝	18½	+1
83 Do preferred.	83½	83½	83½	
904 Fire Proofing....	25¼	24⅞	25¼	+⅜
30 Do preferred.	37	36½	37	+½
53 M. L. & H.....	88	88	88	
50 Marsden	4½	4½	4½	
10 Phila. Co. com.	45½	45½	45½	+1½
300 Pgh. Coal.....	28⅝	28½	28⅝	
339 Do preferred.	87	87	87	+⅛
53 Pgh. Plate Glass..	135	135	135	
7 River Coal.....	10	10	10	
450 Do preferred.	40	40	40	+½
1600 U. S. Steel.....	34	32¾	34	+1⅛
635 Do preferred.	85⅞	83	83⅞	+2⅜
425 West. Elec. 2ds	96⅜	95⅛	96⅜	
450 Win. Glass com	53	52½	52¾	
10 Peoples Trust..	108	108	108	

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*Five shares only.

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Pgh. Bks.			Ally. Bks.		
Ally. Nat....	.....	135	B. of S. S..	93	...
Arsenal	150	.....	Nat. Gas.	.....	...
City Dep....	197	.....	M. L. & H.	87	...
G. S. & D..	265	.....	Mining.	.....	...
Manufct.	170	.....	Luster	12	...
Mon. Nat..	295	300	Electric.	.....	...
W. S. & D..	115	120	West. 2ds...	96½	96⅞
Federal N.	142	.....	Miscel.		
Trust Co.			Crucible	18⅝	18⅞
American	142	147	Electric	83⅜	83½
Guarantee.		143	Marsden	.....	4
Penna.	275	290	N. F. Proof.	25¼	25⅝
Real Estate	275½	.....	Do pfd....	36½	37
			Phila Co....	44⅞	45
			W. Airbrake	170	...

BONDS.

Railroad.			C. 1st 5s..	.....	98
P.. McK. &					

UNLISTED SECURITIES.

STOCKS.					
Miscel.			U. S. Steel.	33¾	34
W. Glass	52½	53	Do pfd...	83¾	...
Do pfd.....	.....	88	W. Machine	100	...
Cons. Ice..	9¼	.....	P. Coal pfd.	86⅞	87
M. R. Coal.	9⅜	10	P. P. Glass.	135	137
Do pfd....	20½	.....	BONDS.		
P.S.& L.E.	33½	.....	Miscl.		
Pgh. Brew.	30	30½	Con. Ice. 5s	.....	111
Do pfd....	.....	47	R. Coal 6s.	112	112⅝
Pgh. Coal..	28¾	29	P. Brew. 6s.	112¾	113

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Stock market strong, closing at top prices.

United States Steel led with sales of 1,600 shares at 32¾ to 34.

United States Steel preferred advanced 2⅜ to 83⅞.

Westinghouse Electric rallied 2 points to 96¾.

Crucible Steel common closed 1⅛ higher at 18½ bid.

Window Glass advanced to 53 and closed at 52½ bid.

IN WALL STREET.

Total sales for the day 944,200 shares.

Venezuelan situation proves stronger influence on market than was anticipated.

General incline follows Castro's decision to settle.

United States Steel stocks show gain of over point.

Pennsylvania gains 1½ points.

Bonds active; total sales (par value) $3,390,000.

THE MONEY MARKET.

In Pittsburgh money remains steady and unchanged at 6 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Thursday	$6,805,593 66	$1,271,829 04
Last week.....	6,248,232 89	967,577 27
Last year.....	6,248,704 55	1,376,354 45

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Exchanges, $257,885,502; balances, $9,403,888.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Exchanges, $20,762,378; balances, $1,526,149; call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 6@7 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Clearings, $19,295,214; balances, $2,624,049; money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Clearings, $3,676,658; balances, $536,229; money, 6 per cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Clearings, $28,703,829; balances, $2,129,627; posted exchange, $4 84½@4 88; New York exchange, 35c premium.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—Money, 6 per cent; New York exchange, par; clearings, $3,812,250.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Clearings, $7,885,328; balances, $748,647; money steady at 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 5c premium.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balances, $206,536,962; gold, $120,809,893; silver, $6,383,806; United States notes, $2,852,856; treasury notes of 1890, $51,057; national bank notes, $14,072,256; total receipts daily, $1,642,602; total receipts this month, $30,239,188; total receipts this year, $271,721,337; total expenditures this day, $1,525,000; total expenditures this month, $25,549,000; total expenditures this year, $252,011,227; deposits in national banks, $149,482,220.

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve decreased £483,000, circulation increased £35,000, bullion decreased £448,647, other securities decreased £222,000, other deposits decreased £910,000, public deposits increased £500,000, notes reserve decreased £483,000, government securities increased £98,000. The proportion of the Bank of England reserve to liability this week is 44.09 per cent as compared with 44.53 per cent last week.

Call Money Steady.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Money on call steady at 4½@5½ per cent, closing 4@4½ per cent; time money easier; 60 and 90 days, 5½@7 per cent; six months, 5¾@6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6@7 per cent; sterling exchange soft, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86.75 for demand and at $4 83@4 83.125 for 60 days' bills; posted rates, $4 84@4 84½ and $4 87½@4 88; commercial bills, $4 82¾@4 83¾; bar silver, 48⅝; Mexican dollars, 37⅜.

Bank of France Statement.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation increased 17,525,000 francs, treasury accounts current decreased 7,925,000 francs, gold in hand increased 2,250,000 francs, bills discounted increased 17,550,000 francs, silver in hand increased 1,175,000 francs.

Movements of Gold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the Seattle assay office today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out yesterday $21,147. Total thus paid since Friday, $41,879, against $13,156 for the same period a week ago. Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $3,383,000. Payment by banks to government, $3,767,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $383,000 paid by banks to government. Total net payment by banks to government since Friday, $638,000, against $4,146,000 similarly paid for the corresponding period a week ago and $4,781,000 a year ago.

Must Become Citizens.

The Magyar Sick and Beneficial association of Braddock held its annual election of officers yesterday. Julius Oszwald was elected president, and his first ruling was that any member who did not become a citizen of the United States within five years should be dismissed from the association. Those who for any reason whatever are unable to obtain naturalization papers after five years shall also be discharged from the association. The ruling was made by President Oszwald to elevate the standard of membership in politics. The association has about 150 members.

This Week's Orchestra Program.

Anton Van Rooy, who is to appear with the Pittsburgh orchestra, Victor Herbert, conductor, in the concerts at the Pittsburgh Carnegie Music hall this evening and tomorrow afternoon, is conceded to be the first of all German baritone singers connected with grand opera, both in New York and Europe. At this week's concert he will sing two arias from Wagner's "Tannhauser" and the great scene of "Wotan's farewell from "Die Walkure." The orchestral numbers are Berlioz's overture, 'Les Franc Juges;" Liszt's symphonic poems "Orpheus," and "The Ride of the Walkyries" by Wagner. The program as a whole is distinctly modern and of unusual interest.

CASTRO PROVES FACTOR IN BOOSTING STOCKS

His Decision to Climb Down Causes General Rise in Wall Street.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Measured by today's advance in prices, the strained situation in Venezuela has been the cause of much more uneasiness than was suspected in Wall street. The depressing effect of this influence has served to hold back the market from the natural recovery which was due after the action taken by the bankers' pool on Monday to insure the money market from any violent crisis. The fear of such a crisis has been the preponderating influence in the long decline of stocks and the practical assurance of protection from it would have caused a violent recovery in the natural course of things. The fear of a complication with great powers concerned in the Venezuelan demonstration seems to have been the factor in deferring the recovery. When operators in stocks came down to their offices this morning after having read in the morning papers the news that the Venezuelan president had practically abandoned opposition to the demands of Great Britain and Germany, they were quick to jump to the conclusion that all danger of complications was thereby removed. There was an upward jump in prices at the start and the market showed a constantly broadening tendency till past midday. The demand after that showed some signs of satisfaction, but in the last half-hour here was a revival in animation and a final rush of prices to the top level of the day with a strong closing.

The deposit today for transfer to Chicago of $100,000 is something of an anomaly in view of the 35-cent premium on New York exchange at Chicago. The breaking down of the speculation in corn at Chicago is regarded with approval in Wall street, as it has involved large money requirements there and is also believed to have kept down the export movement of corn.

Today's Bank of England statement did not make a strong showing, and the advance in the Bank of Bengal rate which was made today is sometimes a preliminary to an advance in the Bank of England rate. Sterling exchange here continued heavy and advanced at Paris, so that no immediate apprehension is felt of gold exports. An increased interior movement of grain and heavier receipts of cotton were encouraging factors. Pool operations were recorded to be responsible for the activity and strength of some of the market leaders, and there is good reason to suppose that a very large short interest was covered today. St. Paul, Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific and the United States Steel stocks were conspicuous features of the speculation, but there was a long list of securities in which gains ranged from 2 to 3 points.

The bond market was active and strong in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, par value, $3,390,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The market for coffee futures opened steady and unchanged; ruled quiet with featureless foreign news, but advanced slightly after midday on covering, scattered buying for the long account and an absence of selling orders, in spite of fresh moderate offerings by importers. The close was steady and partially 5 points higher. Sales were 19,000 bags, including February at 4.60c; March at 4.70@4.75c; May at 4.80@4.85c; September at 5.20c; October at 5.25c and November at 5.30c. Sugar—Raw steady; refined dull.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Bleached cottons recently reduced show a hardening tendency. Sales have been large and sellers are now reserved. Exporters are bidding more generally for heavy brown cottons for China and business of moment is likely. Home demand of an ordinary character for general run of merchandise print cloths quiet, but prices steady.

Electric Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Electric stocks closed: Westing. com. 90 | Mass. Electric.... 34⅝
General Electric.174 | Do preferred.... 92½

NEW YORK PRICES.

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples' Savings bank building. Members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
38000	A. T. & S. F....	81¾	82⅝	81¾	82⅝
4800	Do preferred..	98⅛	99	98⅛	98⅝
	Amer. Cotton Oil.	41½	44	41½	44
	Do preferred..	97¼	97½	97	96½
49000	Amer. Sugar Ref.	125¼	126⅝	124⅜	125¼
	Do preferred..	118	119	117½	118½
3800	Am. Locomotive..	26½	28	26½	27⅝
1300	Do preferred..	92	93	92	93
1200	Amer. Car & Fdry	33⅜	33⅝	33½	33⅝
600	Do preferred..	88¼	88⅝	88¼	88⅞
	American Can....	.....	.....	.....	8⅜
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	41¼
15600	Amal. Copper....	56⅜	57⅜	56¼	57⅛
600	Anaconda Copper	84½	86	84½	85½
900	Am Smelt & Ref.	39⅝	40	39⅝	39
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	90
	American Ice....	9⅞	10⅛	9⅞	9¾
	Do preferred..	37⅞	38⅝	37⅞	38⅜
29600	Balto. & Ohio....	96	98¼	96	98
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	93
16700	Brook. Rap. Tran.	64	64⅝	63⅝	64⅛
14800	Canadian Pacific	127½	128⅝	126¾	128⅝
6400	Chi. Great. West.	23⅝	25	23¾	24⅞
400	Consolidated Gas.	211	211½	210¼	210½
200	C. C. C. & St. L.	54⅜	54⅜	54⅜	54½
7500	Ches. & Ohio....	46½	47	46½	46⅞
800	Chicago & Alton.	31½	32¾	31½	32⅜
100	Do preferred..	70	70	70	69½
	Chi. Ind. & Lou.	.....	.....	.....	34
200	Chi. & Northw'n.	217½	217½	217	216½
300	Col. Fuel & Iron.	77	77	76½	76
	Corn Products....	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾
	Do preferred..	81¼	81½	81¼	81
2100	Colorado South'n	26¼	27⅝	26¼	26⅝
400	Do 1st pfd.....	68⅝	68⅝	68¼	68¼
700	Do 2d pfd.....	41½	42¾	41½	42½
5600	Del. Lack. & W.	244¼	246¾	243¾	246¼
900	Del. & Hudson..	162	162	161¾	162
47700	Erie	32¼	33⅜	32	33⅜
2600	Do 1st pfd.....	62¾	63⅝	62⅜	63⅝
2800	Do 2d pfd.....	43¾	45	43¾	44⅝
1300	General Electric.	175	176	174	174½
1900	Hocking Valley..	100	100¼	98⅝	98⅝
1500	Do preferred..	96¼	96⅝	96¼	96½
3700	Illinois Central..	142¼	142	142	142⅝
300	Iowa Central....	37½	37¾	37	37
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	68
1100	Internat. Paper.	17	18¾	17	17¾
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	50
300	Internat. Power..	55	60¼	55	60
	L. E. & W.....	.....	.....	.....	46
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	115
14700	Lous. & Nash...	121	123⅝	121	122¼
25500	Manhattan.....	145¼	147¾	145¼	147
42000	Missouri Pacific.	103⅝	105¼	103½	105
1100	M., K. & T. pfd.	54	55½	53⅝	55
4300	Metropolitan	138	140	138	139½
6600	Mexican Central..	23	23⅞	23	23⅝
800	National Lead....	26	26½	26	26
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	90
100	National Biscuit..	44½	44½	44½	44½
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	119
12900	N. Y. Central....	151½	152¼	151¼	152⅛
	N. J. Central....	.....	.....	.....	162
5800	N. Y., O. & W....	28	29	27⅞	28⅝
12500	Norfolk & West..	69⅜	71¼	69⅜	71⅛
100	Do preferred..	92	92	92	90
400	North Am. Co....	119	132	119	131½
	Ontario	.....	.....	.....	150
1800	Peoples Gas.....	100⅝	101¼	100⅜	101
1300	Pacific Mail.....	38	39⅜	38	39⅜
	Pullman	.....	.....	.....	230
8300	P. S. Car.....	57⅜	59½	57⅜	59
300	Do preferred..	90½	91½	90¾	91
59800	Penna. R. R....	153	154⅝	153	154½
	P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	90
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	101
	Railway Springs.	33⅜	34½	33¼	33¾
	Do preferred..	86	86¾	86	85½
75700	Reading	59⅜	61¾	59½	61⅛
200	Do 1st pfd.....	85	85	85	85
3400	Do 2d pfd.....	76¼	77¼	76¼	77⅛
22300	Rock Island.....	38¾	39¾	38½	39½
5700	Do preferred..	80⅝	81½	80¾	81
3700	Republic Iron....	18⅜	19¼	18⅜	19¼
600	Do preferred..	76	76¾	76	76
2100	St. L. & S. F....	69	70	68¾	69⅝
*100	Do 1st pfd.....	78½	78½	78½	78
600	Do 2d pfd.....	68	70	68	68¼
65400	Southern Pacific.	61	63⅜	60¾	63⅛
19900	Southern Ry.....	30¾	32¼	30⅝	31⅞
1400	Do preferred..	92	92¾	92	92⅜
31800	St. Paul.....	170¼	173	170½	172⅝
200	Do preferred..	176	176¾	176	176
500	St. L. & Southw.	25⅜	26½	25⅜	26
2100	Do preferred..	58⅛	59⅝	58¼	59½
2930	Tenn. C. & Iron	54½	56	54½	56¼
6700	Texas & Pacific..	33¾	35¾	33¾	35⅝
300	St. L. & S. W....	26¾	27	26⅜	26⅞
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	46
66700	U. S. Steel.....	33⅝	34⅞	33	34
26750	Do preferred..	83⅝	84⅝	83⅝	84⅜
37200	Union Pacific....	97¼	98⅜	97	98¼
	U. S. Rubber....	.....	.....	.....	15
2700	U. S. Leather....	11⅜	12	11⅜	11⅜
100	Do preferred..	83½	87⅜	83½	87⅜
	U. S. Realty....	123½	13	12¾	12¾
	Do preferred..	.....	.....	.....	48
	U. S. R. & Con..	21¾	21¾	21¼	21⅝
	Do preferred..	67½	68	67½	67⅝
1600	Wabash	26¾	27¼	26¾	27
5300	Do preferred..	40¼	40⅜	40¼	41¼
2900	W. U. Telegraph..	88¼	89	88	88¾
1700	W. & L. E.....	22¾	23⅜	22⅜	23⅜
	Do 1st pfd.....	51	53	51	52⅜
600	Do 2d pfd.....	32¾	33½	32¾	33
5900	Wis. Central....	24	24⅝	24	24½
500	Do preferred..	48¾	48⅞	48¾	49½

944200 Total sales for day. *Ex-dividend.

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U. S. reg 2s. reg.	107⅞	L. & N. uni. 4s..	101⅛
Do 2s. coup....	108¼	Mexican Cent. 4s.	77⅛
Do 3s. reg.....	107½	Do 1st inc.....	23
Do 3s. coup....	107⅝	M. & St. L. 4s	102¼
Do new 4s. reg.	135	M., K. & T. 4s....	93
Do 4s. coup....	135	Do 2d s.....	83
Do old 4s. reg.	108¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts..	102¾
Do 4s. coup.....	109½	Do gen. 3½s....	104
Do 5s. reg.....	103⅜	N. J. C. gen. 5s..	135½
Do 5s. coup....	103⅝	North. Pac. 4s....	102¾
Atchison gen. 4s.	101¾	Do 3s.....	71¾
Do adjt. 4s.....	90	N. & W. con. 4s..	100¼
Balting. gen. 4s..	96¼	Reading gen. 4s..	96¾
Do 3½s.....	94⅜	St. L. & I. M. con.	5s. 112¼
Do conv. 4s....	104⅜	St. L. & S. F. 4s.	97
Canada South. 2d.	108	St. L. S'w. 1sts..	95
Cent. of Ga. 5s..	105¼	Do 2ds.....	86
Do 1st inc.....	75	S. A. & A. P. 4s..	86
C. & O. 4½s.....	103¼	South. Pacific 4s..	90
C. & A. 3½s.....	78¾	Southern Ry. 5s..	118⅝
C. B. & Q. new 4s	95½	Tex. & Pac. 1sts.	115
C.M. & S.P. g 4s..	113	T., St. L. & W. 4s	76
C. & N.

SALE OF $100,000 MEANS BIG WAREHOUSE PROJECT

West & Wilson's Creditors Organize for Protection--West Penn Sale of $55,000--Isaac Kaufmann Bought Conley Lot.

Another example of quick deals at good profits was afforded yesterday in the sale by Wilbur Shenk of the property at Nos. 911 and 913 Penn avenue for $100,000 cash. The deal was made by the Commonwealth Real Estate and Trust Company, which conveyed the property to George J. Harper and Andrew Lyle. The two lots measure 40x160 feet and extend through to Fayette street. Two four-story brick buildings occupy the front of the plot and in the rear are three dwellings facing in Fayette street. Lyle Bros., dealers in leather and saddlery hardware, who recently sold their present site at No. 622 Liberty avenue to D. F. Black, will at once tear down the buildings and erect a warehouse to cover the entire lot at a cost of $100,000.

The properties sold to Lyle Bros. are two of three properties formerly owned by William Penn and sold by him in the spring through the agency of Charles Crosby to Wilbur Shenk. The consideration for the three lots was $120,500. The properties were known as Nos. 909-913 Penn avenue and had a total frontage of 60 feet, with a depth of 160 feet. Although the deal was made several months ago, certain complications prevented the delivery of the deeds until recently. Mr. Shenk still owns the property at No. 909.

Creditors Organize to Do Business.

The Real Estate Improvement Company of Pittsburgh will apply for a charter in a few days, with a capital not to exceed $75,000. It will be composed of the creditors of West & Wilson and the Pittsburgh Construction and Manufacturing Company, allied building concerns, which assigned to the Prudential Trust Company of the East End on December 1, 1901. The total liabilities of the firms, secured and unsecured, were $462,000, divided among 300 creditors. At a meeting of the creditors shortly after the assignment J. B. Flint of the Flint, Erving & Stoner Lumber Company was chosen to represent the creditors. The firms left a large number of unfinished building contracts, which were completed by order of court. The court also declared inactive the act of June 4, 1901, under the creditors to sell any of the 150 or more city properties, on the ground that they could not give a clear title. To overcome this difficulty Mr. Flint is organizing the new company which will have the right to sell and rent property as an individual. Over 82 per cent of the creditors, including all the larger ones, have already signed an agreement to take their proportion of the shares in the company. The company will not be liable for debt or assessment and intends to do no business or manufacturing, but act simply as a liquidating agent. Of the stock, $150,000 will be preferred, which will be issued to pay off secure payment of the unsecured liabilities.

Big Sale Up the Allegheny.

The largest deal in West Penn real estate made for a long time was closed yesterday, the amount being $55,000. The property sold was 66 acres belonging to William F. Aul and was purchased by Attorney Joseph J. Kintner, who is understood to be acting for a syndicate of Pittsburgh capitalists. The land is located at Sharpsburg, 14 miles above this city, on the West Penn railroad. Thirty acres of it are available for a manufacturing site, having a frontage of 750 feet on the Allegheny river. The syndicate proposes to establish a manufacturing plant on the flats and lay out the balance of the farm in town lots. As the river frontage is considered to be worth $2,000 an acre, the farm is said to be cheap at the figure paid.

With the exception of the Denny estate holdings at Harmarville, the Aspinwall property at Aspinwall and the 350 acres at Glencairn owned by Andrew Carnegie, this is the only available manufacturing and town site for a distance of 40 miles from Pittsburgh. The dams which are to be built in the Allegheny and the other proposed river improvements which bids fair to make navigation sure the year through, have kindled a lively interest in sites along the West Penn.

Isaac Kaufmann the Buyer.

Isaac Kaufmann was the buyer of the property at Nos. 701 and 703 Penn avenue, the sale of which for $15,000 was noted yesterday. When seen about the sale Mr. Kaufmann said that it was practically made two weeks ago, but owing to the number of heirs the agreements were not all signed until last Saturday. He denied that he had bought any other parts of the Conley holdings at this corner.

The sale of the Mercy hospital lot at the corner of Penn avenue and Haddock alley for $100,000, exclusive mention of which was made in The Gazette yesterday, has not been closed, although it will probably go through. The deal is being handled by a real estate firm in upper Fourth avenue. The Mercy hospital acquired the property from Martin Conley at his death, a number of years ago. Attorney Willis McCook, a member of the hospital executive board, said last night that an offer had been submitted and that a deposit of $5,000 was held on Wednesday, as stated, to substantiate it. Before the deal can be closed the hospital board must act upon the proposition which will likely be done at an early meeting.

The lot, two corners of which each measure 37.65x63.45 feet. Between them is the lot at No. 705 Penn avenue, 22x63.45 feet, which is still owned by the Conley heirs. With the Mercy hospital lot it included a one-half interest in a lot 30x27 feet, facing in Maddocks alley in the rear of the hospital lot. Whether the whole corner is being acquired by the same buyer or not is not known, but it is stated positively that it will not be used for a theater site. Rumors have been current for some time to the importment store at this point and it is thought this will be the outcome of the sales. With a new building on the Y. M. C. A. site, and a costly structure on the Second Presbyterian church lot, the corner would become one of the very best in the city for business purposes.

Twelve $18,000 Houses.

John Fite, the commission merchant, has commissioned Architect Ellsworth Dean to prepare plans for 12 more colonial brick houses of 12 rooms each, which will be built at a cost of $18,000 each. They will be built on the north side of Ridge avenue, between Calhowhill street, Nineteenth ward. The residences will be similar in style and finish to four which Architect Dean is now having built for Mr. Fite in the same neighborhood and which will be ready for occupancy April 1.

Plans are being prepared by Architects Thomas W. Boyd & Co. for the Reformed Church of the Ascension building. The church will be built in Vernon avenue, Allegheny, at a cost of $15,000. Bids will be taken about January 15. The same architects are taking bids on a brick residence to be built for Mrs. Jane E. Denslow at the corner of California and Vernon avenues, Allegheny, at a cost of $5,000.

Architect Ludwig Dick is taking bids on a three-story brick flat building for George Dreshbach. It will be located in Perry street, Allegheny, and will cost $5,000.

McKeesport Sale of $11,000.

Henry Firestone has purchased from Firzel Broder an improved property, 90x140 feet, in the First ward, McKeesport, for $11,000.

Lombard street: James H. Thompson sold for Mrs. Adeline Allchorn to Mrs. Shaeffer a two-story brick house, lot 22x102 feet, at No. 2 Lombard street, for $5,700. The buyer bought for a home.

Wall station: Earr Ross, & Co. sold for F. E. McKillack to James A. Mahon a lot 33x125 feet in Seely avenue, Wall station, for $225.

Frankstown avenue: B. H. Thompson sold to Alberta C. Murdock an improved lot, 66x165 feet, on the southwest side of Frankstown avenue, Homewood-Futnam street, Twenty-first ward, for $8,000.

FRANKSTOWN avenue: John C. Hunter sold to W. A. McMaster an improved lot, 25x100 feet, on the north side of Frankstown avenue, near Brushton avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, for $5,000.

Mt. Vernon street: George H. Shickler sold to Josephine Kimpert an improved lot, 25x93 feet, at No. 7139 Mt. Vernon street, Twenty-first ward, for $3,850.

North Linden avenue: James M. Giles sold to Harvey Anderson a lot 25x117 feet on the east side of North Linden avenue, near Frankstown avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $1,000.

S. 26th street: Mary Bastinas sells to Butler sold to M. Norcia an improved lot, 25x100 feet, on the east side of Park avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $1,900.

Deals Around the City.

Cliff street: John T. Emery sold to Mrs. Esther M. Stein an improved lot, 21x78 feet, in Cliff street, Eleventh ward, for $2,500.

Cain street: George T. Barnum sold to Hugh Murray an improved lot, 60x127 feet, in Cain street, Thirty-fifth ward, for $1,900.

Cust street: Clara Baum sold to M. C. O'Roke an improved lot, 24x120 feet, on the north side of Cust street, Twenty-third ward, for $2,300.

Penn avenue: Henry N. Negley sold to Albert Junge a lot 33.6x145 feet, at the northwest corner of Penn avenue and Whitefield street, Nineteenth ward, for $2,500.

Colombo street: Francis J. Avery sold to Walter Morris, trustee, an improved lot, 21x100 feet, in Colombo street, Nineteenth ward, for $1,500.

Morewood avenue: Elmer E. Moore sold to John E. Fitzgerald a lot, 40x121 feet, on the southeast side of Morewood avenue, near Atlantic avenue, Twentieth ward, for $1,800.

Webster avenue: The Iron City Building and Loan association sold at sheriff's sale the Edgar W. Morrow property, an improved lot 44x138 feet, on the north side of Webster avenue, near Orion street, Thirteenth ward, for $3,000.

Isaac Sachs sold for Mrs. Sarah Bryant to J. H. Frank of the Pittsburgh Wrapper Company, who will use the property for a home, a lot 27½x105 feet, in Aura and Van Braam streets, for $1,750. Mr. Sachs also sold for Prof. F. G. Toerge to L. M. Avner a lot 50x135 feet, in Bluff street, for $9,500.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold the property known as No. 2014 Fifth avenue, between Jamonville and Seneca streets. Fourteenth ward, lot fronting 22 feet in Fifth avenue by 120 feet to Seneca street, improved with a brick dwelling fronting Fifth avenue; also a frame dwelling fronting in Ann street, for $9,000. The purchase was bought for investment.

The Allegheny Real Estate company sold to Mrs. Carrie Willis two lots in Watkins avenue, Bellevue Park, 40x110 feet each; consideration $1,400.

Transfers Recorded.

Spychala Martin et ux to Louis Boff, Nov 29, '02, Montooth boro, 25x120, Frederick st ..... $ 1,100

Kennedy D J to D J Kennedy Co., Dec 10, '02, 19th wd, Harvard st 6,000

Schweinsinger Heinrich et ux to Thos B Evans et ux, Collier twp, 41x118, Washington st 1,400

Dunlap Wm A et ux to Maggie A Scott, Nov 27, '01, 20th wd, 30x120, Atlantic ave 14,000

Scott Willis M to Mazie A Scott, Sept 13, '02, 20th wd; 30x120, Atlantic ave. 14,500

Scott Mazie A to Willis M Scott, Aug 27, '02, 20th wd, 30x120, Atlantic ave. 14,500

Speer Frank B et ux et al to Max Lebovitch, Aug 7, '02, 1st wd, Duquesne boro, 3 lots 8,500

McDermott Jno J et ux to Frank McCann, Dec 1, '02, 1st wd, 16x72, Third ave 12,500

Haney Jas F et ux to Mathilda G MacConnell, Jan 1, '02, McKeesport, 20x124, Fifth ave 6,400

Gregg Bessie D to Daniel Jones, Oct 20, '02, 16th wd, lot, Liberty ave 1,800

Kenny Anthony H et ux to Mary U Korhnak, Dec 16, '02, Braddock boro, 40x120, Talbot ave 4,000

Bell Wm W et ux to Wm H Clark Jr, Nov 24, '02, Elliott boro, 25x80, High st 1,150

McKelvy J Erastus et ux et ux to W W Faulkner, Nov 24, '02, Brackenridge boro, Second st 800

Sams to Chas S Hall, Nov 24, '02, Brackenridge boro, Second st 1,800

Scott Maste A to Annie St C Gray, Dec 17, '02, 20th wd, 30x120, Atlantic ave 11,500

Mraz Jos et ux to Agnes H Longanecker, Dec 9, '02, Swissvale boro, 25x120, Johnston ave 3,400

Whitty Frank L to Louis Melczer et ux, Dec 10, '02, Stowe twp, 25x125, Fleming ave 750

Parker Sami H to Jno A Gibson, July 7, '02, Avalon boro, lot, California ave 3,000

McCullough Edward et ux to Ignatz Buchna, Sept 3, '02, 24th wd, 21x200, McClurg st 3,275

Kirkland Estella L to Alice K Negley, June 9, '02, Crafton boro, 100x125, Bonnett st 7,000

Gamble Emma M to Frank A Fox, Dec 4, '02, 21st wd, Carver st 2,700

Storey Elmer W to Mary B Hill, Dec 1, '02, 20th wd, 40x100, Browne st 2,700

Evans O to Michael O'Hara, Sept 6, '02, 7th wd, McKeesport, 25x100, Ridge st 600

Savage Jane ex to Mary E Vincent, Nov 1, '02, 2d wd, Ally, 18x50, Taylor st 4,500

Lersch Hugo E ex to Jno W Sherrer, Nov 18, '02, 21st wd, 25x120, Broadhead st 750

McKelvy Jas ex to Ida L Eberter, Nov 14, '02, 21st wd, 25x95, Meredith Louisa to Loring Sholtes, Dec 6, '02, Braddock, 24x128, Braddock ave 3,500

Kelzner Sandra M to Geo Harbison, July 1, '02, 6th wd, 61x71, Second ave. 3,100

Brown Alfred to Nich A Schbmitt, Dec 6, '02, 20th wd, 30x120, Atlantic ave. 2,600

Blair David ex to Robt S Glass, Dec 14, '02, 20th wd, 25x93, Center ave. 8,000

Miller Jno L ex to Mary Y Power, Dec 8, '02, 25th wd, 25x100, Hastings st. 3,900

Zollinger Jno ex to Fred L Loeffler, Dec 5, '02, 37th wd, 20x100, Rosedale st. 3,700

Broder Fiezel ex to Henry Firestone, Aug 12, '02, 1st wd, McKeesport, 60x140, Third ave 11,000

Fawcett Mary F ex to Mary Bodner, July 10, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 25x110, Center st 2,100

Caunti Filido ex to Concetta De Carlo, Dec 1, '02, 7th wd, lot, Webster ave. 5,500

Herklotz Ernest ex to Mary Bodner, Aug 12, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 22x100, Center st 3,300

Herklotz Johanna to Mary Bodner, Aug 12, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 25x100, Center st 6,500

Babyak Andrew ex to Henry Firestone, Aug 19, '02, 5th wd, McKeesport, 20x90, Fourth ave 2,250

Garrett Geo S ex to Antonio Canova, Aug 1, '02, McKeesport, 28x106, Fifth avve 4,500

Spangler J K ex to Jno Vanyo, June 5, '02, 7th wd, McKeesport, 30x85, Packer st 1,200

McMillan Anna L to Henry B Haller, Dec 13, '02, 21st wd, 25x125, Kelly st.

Nelson Chas L to Conrad T Beeckman, Sept 14, '02, 19th wd, 215x255, St Clair st 32,625

Spickert Geo J to Bella Feldstein, Oct 10, '02, 24th wd, 31x110, St Clair st.

Lawson Oliver O ex to Lindley S Lawson, Dec 5, '02, Homestead, 34x110, Eleventh ave 3,400

Sesnong Wm ex to Mich Orient, Nov 15, '02, Collier twp, 40x101, Third st.

Sesnong Jno A ex to Heinrich Schweinsberg, Dec 8, '02, Collier twp, lot, 40x153 600

Mortgages Recorded.

*Elder E G to J B Hoffman, Dec 16, '02, 8 875

*Heffler C M to C A Bruce, Dec 16, '02, 5,000

Gustafson Chas G to T B Brown, Dec 17, '02 1,200

Evans Thos B to H Schweinsberg, Dec 9, '02 400

Goldingar Mary C to S Price, Dec 9, '02 1,100

Imbiem Nicholas to C B Payne, Tr, Dec 17, '02 1,500

Hermes Nicholas to C B Payne, Tr, Dec 17, '02 900

Connolly Margaret to T G Breen, Dec 18, '02 500

Sherman Geo W to F M White, Dec 15, '02 4,000

*Kaufman Isaac et al to A W Mellon, Dec 19, '02 70,000

Lawson Lindley I to E Thomas, Dec 8, '02 3,000

Roberts Henry to E Peerge, Dec 18, '02 750

Lytle Anderson to R M Taylor, Dec 13, '02 800

Ridgeway Mattie H to M G Buckham, Dec 6, '02 350

Cunningham Jas J to M N McConaghy, Dec 9, '02 500

Schuman Frederick to J G Kelly, Dec 17, '02 3,000

Turner Ella ---- A C Stein, Dec 15, '02... 500

Daroll Richard L et al to A Boramm, Dec 16, '02 1,500

Mackrell Jas C to Board of M R U P Cem, Dec 17, '02 4,500

Taylor Jas L to Allegheny Trust Co, Dec 15, '02 3,000

Ingram Chas P Jr to Allegheny Trust Co, Dec 15, '02 5,000

McGinnis Thomas to Tarentum Sav & Tr Co, Dec 16, '02 650

Dunlap Frannek to German B & L A, Dec 17, '02 450

Blaszkiewicz Simon to Columbus B & L A, Dec 17, '02 1,100

McCurdy Geo W to Anchor B & L A, Dec 17, '02 1,700

Wulff Frederick to Monitor Prem B & L A, Nov 20, '02 1,800

Hughes Charles to Prospect B & L A, Dec 17, '02 400

Chambers Edith A to Duquesne Heights B & L A, Dec 17, '02 1,800

Cullen Wm J to Bank of Secured Savs, Dec 18, '02 600

Mendel Louis to Hope B & L A, Dec 8, '02 3,500

Keough Jane to Gt Eastern B & L A, Dec 8, '02 188

Meyer Sebastian to Gt Eastern B & L A, Nov 24, '02 450

*Geiss Charles to Nancy Blackadore et ux, Nov 3, '02 900

Ivory Francis J to W Morris, Trustee, Dec 10, '02 1,500

*Purchase money.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Butter firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 22@22c; fancy creamery, 30@31c; fancy ladle, 26@22c; fancy roll, 19@22c; good roll, 17@18c; store packed, 16@18c. Eggs firm and unchanged; fresh, 26 @27c. Cheese firm and unchanged; large, 13¾ @14c; medium, 13¾@14c; small, 14@14½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter—Receipts, 2,115 packages; market steady. State dairy, 24@28c; extra creamery, 30c; creamery, common to choice, 22@28c. Cheese—Receipts, 109 packages; steady. State full creams, colored, fancy, September, 14½@15c; small, white, September, 13½@13¾c; late make, 13@13½c; large colored September, 13¾c; late make, 13 @13¼c; large white September, 13¾c; late make, 13@13¼c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,417 packages; weaker. State and Pennsylvania, average best, 28c; western, fancy grades, 28c; western, poor to prime, 20@22c; refrigerated, 18½@ 21½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Butter quiet and steady; creamery, 18@28½c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs firm; loss off cases returned, 24@25c. Cheese steady at 11¼@12c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Butter firm and in good demand; extra western creamery, 31c; do nearby prints, 33c. Eggs steady and in fair demand; fresh nearby, 25c less off; do western, 28c loss off; do southwestern, 26@27c loss off; do southern, 25c loss off. Cheese firm and in fair demand; New York full creams, prime small, 13¾c; do fair to good, 13@13¾c; do prime, large, 13½@13¾c; do fair to good, 13@13½c.

SCARCITY OF CARS HINDERS BUSINESS

Live Chickens and Dressed Turkeys Advance--Egg Market Shows Weakness.

While the bulletin of receipts show an increase in the arrivals of hay, the greater portion is made up of inferior grades, which in nowise affect the market for better stock. No. 1 timothy is very firm at $17 50, while as much as $18 has been obtained for light mixed hay. The slowness of consignments from the west makes the situation tight, and there will be no easier until shippers are able to secure cars from the railroad companies in more liberal quantity than at present. There is plenty of hay in the west, but rolling stock is scarce, and it is almost impossible to get cars for transporting it east. The same influence is at work in the grain market, and all of these products are strong at quotations now given.

The wheat market has been a little easier for a day or two past, but there is no change in the general situation. The speculative situation lacks some of the tension exhibited earlier in the week, when wheat went very high. The flour market did not fully follow the wheat. The flour market did not fully follow the wheat advance, however, and will not follow it down, unless there should be a more decided drop than is anticipated.

Some Staple Groceries Easier.

A gradual easing up of conditions has made some changes in several staples which have come about by slow degrees during a few days' time. Cornmeal is not commanding as high prices as it did earlier in the season, having followed the products in their descent to a lower range. Navy beans, which have been easier for several weeks, are now offered at a lower figures than heretofore ruled. Dried and Scotch peas may be purchased at figures more in favor of the buyer.

Canned goods are unchanged, and have held steadily to the list of quotations for a considerable period. There is no inclination on the part of any holders to make concessions, demand being sufficient to insure warrant firmness. The holiday season is making request for fancy goods in this line exceedingly brisk.

Dried fruits are still ruling low in large quantities, but the range of prices is not changed, except to draw figures covering different grades a little closer together.

Salt fish holds on tightly to the exalted position taken several weeks ago, and the scarcity in fresh fish is so marked, with winter catches meager, as to indicate that a really sustained salt fish market with a possibility of further advance.

Fancy Apple Prices Higher.

The demand of Christmas greens this week has been excellent, but so heavy are stocks that dealers are getting anxious to dispose of their holdings. Stores have opened out for holly wreaths, southern palms, mistletoe and laurel. Trees hold firm, with buyers eagerly purchasing, while holly and pine are moving briskly and satisfactorily.

Apples are firmer, with Baldwins slightly advanced in price, while Kister pears are also higher. Fancy Keiffers are having better demand and have advanced.

Butter and cheese are unchanged. The weakness noticed all last week in the egg market continues, and only the fact that receipts are not yet increased to any great extent keeps the market from breaking. Demand is very slow. But arrivals, while showing a large increment over last week, are still only moderate in amount.

Dressed turkeys took another slight step forward, while live chickens are doing better, and prices are higher.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts bulletined: Pennsylvania lines, 40 cars hay, 4 cars corn, 1 car hay and straw, 1 car straw, 1 car rye, 7 cars oats, 2 cars feed; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie lines, 8 cars hay, 1 car feed, 1 car husks; Pittsburgh & Western railroad, 5 cars hay; total receipts, 71 cars.

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Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour quiet and steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 74@76c; No. 3, 65@68c; No. 2 red, 72½@74½c; No. 2 corn, 46¼c; No. 2 yellow, 46¼c; No. 2 oats, 30¾c; No. 3 white, 30½@32¼c; No. 2 rye, 48¼c; good feeding barley, 38@40c; fair to choice malting, 44@46c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 15; No. 1 northwestern, $1 23; prime timothy seed, $2 65; mess pork, per bbl, $17 00; lard, per 100 lbs, $10 25@10 40; short ribs sides (loose), $8 37½@8 62½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8 25@8 50; short clear sides (boxed), $8 75@9 00; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 32; clover, contract grade, $10 75.

Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls 49,300	31,700
Wheat, bu 82,300	21,500
Corn, bu 240,900	135,200
Oats, bu 288,700	173,200
Rye, bu 10,800	1,000
Barley, bu 78,600	16,300

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour—Receipts, 21,170 barrels; exports, 10,961 barrels; unsettled and a little in buyers' favor. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour quiet. Cornmeal easy; yellow western, $1 19; city, $1 17. Rye easy; No. 2 western, 58¼c f. o. b. afloat. Barley dull. Wheat—Receipts, 25,375 bushels; spot easier; No. 2 red, 82¾c elevator; No. 2 red, 78¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 83¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 85¼c f. o. b. afloat. Options at first were steady on cables, but eventually broke under vigorous liquidation induced by small clearances, disappointing export demand, foreign sailings and a liberal western movement. The close was weak at ½@¾c decline; May, 80¾@81¾c, closed 80¾c; July, 78¼@78¾c, closed 78¼c; December, 82¾@83¼c, closed 82¾c. Corn—Receipts, 14,700 bushels; exports, 6,000 bushels. Spot easy; No. 2, 62c elevator and 59½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 60½c; No. 2 white, 61c. Option market opened rather firm on cable news, but like wheat declined shade during the afternoon, owing to liquidation, easier late cables and fine weather, closed easy and ⅜c and ¾c higher; May, 48c, closed 48¼c; July closed 47c; December, 58¼@58¾c, closed 58½c. Oats—Receipts, 76,500 bushels; exports, 1,900 bushels. Spot quiet; No. 2, 37½c; No. 3, 37c; No. 2 white, 37¾@38c; No. 3 white, 36¾c; mixed western, nominal; track white, 37½@38c; standard white, 38¼c; No. 2 white, 38¼c. Options dull and easy; December closed 38¼c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Flour unchanged; receipts, 17,471 barrels; exports, 252 barrels. Wheat—Quiet; spot and December, 75¾@76c; January, 76@76¼c; May, 80¼c asked; steamer No. 2, 71@71¼c; receipts, 4,490 bushels; exports, none; southern by sample, 71@ 75¼c; southern on grade, 75¾c. Corn—Weak; spot, 50¼d, 52¾@52¾c; new, 50¼d; January, 50 @50¼c; February, 49@49¼c; March, 49c; steamer, mixed, 50@50¼c; receipts, 147,917 bushels; exports, none; new southern white and yellow corn, 49@52c. Oats—Strong and higher; No. 2 white, 40c bid; No. 2 mixed, 43c; exports, none. Rice—Firm; No. 2, 5¼ @5¾c; No. 3 western, 5¼@5¾c; receipts, 17,240 bushels; exports, none.

TOLEDO, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Dull and lower; cash, 77c; December, 77c; May, 80¾c. Corn—Dull and lower; December, 44½c; May, 43¾c. Oats—Dull and lower; December, 32½c; May, 33¾c. Rye—No. 2, 52½c. Seed—Fairly active and lower; December, $6 47½; January, $6 52½; March, $6 65; prime timothy, $1 75; prime alsyke, $8 00.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Wheat, No. 2 red, cash, nominal; May, 73¾c asked; July, 71⅝c asked; No. 3 hard, 68@72c. Corn, No. 2 cash, 44c; December 44c; May, 38¼c bid. Oats, No. 2 cash, 32c; December, 32½c asked; May, 32c; No. 2 white, 35c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 18.—Wheat easy; No. 1 northern, 77½c; No. 2 northern, 75@76½c; May, 76¼c. Rye lower; No. 1, 51½c. Barley dull; sample, 35@55c. Oats lower; standard, 32@32½c. Corn, May, 43¼c, dressed

DULUTH, Dec. 18.—Wheat, cash No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 78c; December, 72½c; May, 75½c; macaroni No. 1, 64½c; No. 2, 62½c.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Goes to press December 23d. To secure Display Type Listing, your "county service" contracts must be in our hands before that time.

F. & A. TELEPHONE COMPANY.

BANKS AND BANKERS.

Union National Bank

CAPITAL	$ 250,000
SURPLUS	1,000,000
UNDIVIDED PROFITS. .	238,751

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do rye.....$3.45@3.65	
do graham..$4.00@4.05	
Cornmeal, bbl $3.25@3.30	
do 10-lb. cot-	
ton bags....19@20c	
Rolled oats,	
bbl $4.85	
do pkgs...$2.30@3.10	
Gamble Emma M to Frank A Fox, Dec 4, '02, 21st wd, Carver st	2,700
Storey Elmer W to Mary B Hill, Dec 1, '02, 20th wd, 40x100, Browne st.	2,700
Evans O to Michael O'Hara, Sept 6, '02, 7th wd, McKeesport, 25x100, Ridge st	600
Savage Jane ex to Mary E Vincent, Nov 1, '02, 2d wd, Ally, 18x50, Taylor st	4,500
Lersch Hugo E ex to Jno W Sherrer, Nov 18, '02, 21st wd, 25x120, Broadhead st	750
McKelvy Jas ex to Ida L Eberter, Nov 14, '02, 21st wd, 25x95, Meredith Louisa to Loring Sholtes, Dec 6, '02, Braddock, 24x128, Braddock ave	3,500
Kelzner Sandra M to Geo Harbison, July 1, '02, 6th wd, 61x71, Second ave.	3,100
Brown Alfred to Nich A Schbmitt, Dec 6, '02, 20th wd, 30x120, Atlantic ave.	2,600
Blair David ex to Robt S Glass, Dec 14, '02, 20th wd, 25x93, Center ave.	8,000
Miller Jno L ex to Mary Y Power, Dec 8, '02, 25th wd, 25x100, Hastings st.	3,900
Zollinger Jno ex to Fred L Loeffler, Dec 5, '02, 37th wd, 20x100, Rosedale st...	3,700
Broder Fiezel ex to Henry Firestone, Aug 12, '02, 1st wd, McKeesport, 60x140, Third ave	11,000
Fawcett Mary F ex to Mary Bodner, July 10, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 25x110, Center st	2,100
Caunti Filido ex to Concetta De Carlo, Dec 1, '02, 7th wd, lot, Webster ave...	5,500
Herklotz Ernest ex to Mary Bodner, Aug 12, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 22x100, Center st	3,300
Herklotz Johanna to Mary Bodner, Aug 12, '02, 6th wd, McKeesport, 25x100, Center st	6,500
Babyak Andrew ex to Henry Firestone, Aug 19, '02, 5th wd, McKeesport, 20x90, Fourth ave	2,250
Garrett Geo S ex to Antonio Canova, Aug 1, '02, McKeesport, 28x106, Fifth avve	4,500
Spangler J K ex to Jno Vanyo, June 5, '02, 7th wd, McKeesport, 30x85, Packer st	1,200
McMillan Anna L to Henry B Haller, Dec 13, '02, 21st wd, 25x125, Kelly st.	
Nelson Chas L to Conrad T Beeckman, Sept 14, '02, 19th wd, 215x255, St Clair st	32,625
Spickert Geo J to Bella Feldstein, Oct 10, '02, 24th wd, 31x110, St Clair st.	
Lawson Oliver O ex to Lindley S Lawson, Dec 5, '02, Homestead, 34x110, Eleventh ave	3,400
Sesnong Wm ex to Mich Orient, Nov 15, '02, Collier twp, 40x101, Third st.	2,500
Sesnong Jno A ex to Heinrich Schweinsberg, Dec 8, '02, Collier twp, lot, 40x153	600

Mortgages Recorded.

*Elder E G to J B Hoffman, Dec 16, '02, 8	875
*Heffler C M to C A Bruce, Dec 16, '02..	5,000
Gustafson Chas G to T B Brown, Dec 17, '02	1,200
Evans Thos B to H Schweinsberg, Dec 9, '02	400
Goldingar Mary C to S Price, Dec 9, '02	1,100
Imbiem Nicholas to C B Payne, Tr, Dec 17, '02	1,500
Hermes Nicholas to C B Payne, Tr, Dec 17, '02	900
Connolly Margaret to T G Breen, Dec 18, '02	500
Sherman Geo W to F M White, Dec 15, '02	4,000
*Kaufman Isaac et al to A W Mellon, Dec 19, '02	70,000
Lawson Lindley I to E Thomas, Dec 8, '02	3,000
Roberts Henry to E Peerge, Dec 18, '02	750
Lytle Anderson to R M Taylor, Dec 13, '02	800
Ridgeway Mattie H to M G Buckham, Dec 6, '02	350
Cunningham Jas J to M N McConaghy, Dec 9, '02	500
Schuman Frederick to J G Kelly, Dec 17, '02	3,000
Turner Ella ---- A C Stein, Dec 15, '02...	500
Daroll Richard L et al to A Boramm, Dec 16, '02	1,500
Mackrell Jas C to Board of M R U P Cem, Dec 17, '02	4,500
Taylor Jas L to Allegheny Trust Co, Dec 15, '02	3,000
Ingram Chas P Jr to Allegheny Trust Co, Dec 15, '02	5,000
McGinnis Thomas to Tarentum Sav & Tr Co, Dec 16, '02	650
Dunlap Frannek to German B & L A, Dec 17, '02	450
Blaszkiewicz Simon to Columbus B & L A, Dec 17, '02	1,100
McCurdy Geo W to Anchor B & L A, Dec 17, '02	1,700
Wulff Frederick to Monitor Prem B & L A, Nov 20, '02	1,800
Hughes Charles to Prospect B & L A, Dec 17, '02	400
Chambers Edith A to Duquesne Heights B & L A, Dec 17, '02	1,800
Cullen Wm J to Bank of Secured Savs, Dec 18, '02	600
Mendel Louis to Hope B & L A, Dec 8, '02	3,500
Keough Jane to Gt Eastern B & L A, Dec 8, '02	188
Meyer Sebastian to Gt Eastern B & L A, Nov 24, '02	450
*Geiss Charles to Nancy Blackadore et ux, Nov 3, '02	900
Ivory Francis J to W Morris, Trustee, Dec 10, '02	1,500

*Purchase money.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Butter firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 22@22c; fancy creamery, 30@31c; fancy ladle, 26@22c; fancy roll, 19@22c; good roll, 17@18c; store packed, 16@18c. Eggs firm and unchanged; fresh, 26 @27c. Cheese firm and unchanged; large, 13¾ @14c; medium, 13¾@14c; small, 14@14½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter—Receipts, 2,115 packages; market steady. State dairy, 24@28c; extra creamery, 30c; creamery, common to choice, 22@28c. Cheese—Receipts, 109 packages; steady. State full creams, colored, fancy, September, 14½@15c; small, white, September, 13½@13¾c; late make, 13@13¼c; large colored September, 13¾c; late make, 13 @13¼c; large white September, 13¾c; late make, 13@13¼c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,417 packages; weaker. State and Pennsylvania, average best, 28c; western, fancy grades, 28c; western, poor to prime, 20@22c; refrigerated, 18½@ 21½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—

NEGRO SAYS WHITE GIRL INSISTED ON A WEDDING

His Mother-in-Law Has Charged Perjury in Swearing to Her Age--Wife Supports a Husband's Shocking Story.

Edward McGruder, a negro, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Frazer, in criminal court, charged with perjury, in making affidavit before the marriage license clerk that a white girl he has since married was 21 years of age. Her mother avers that she is but 18. McGruder is ebony-hued, while his white wife, who was present in court and corroborated her husband's testimony, is fair and pretty.

At the counsel table sat the mother and sister of the negro's wife, and the mother was in tears throughout the proceedings. During the testimony of the negro, which was given glibly, she was barely able to control herself, and repeatedly started to interrupt him.

McGruder worked as a farm hand for a family named Smith, near California, Pa. During his employment Ada, whom the mother and sister testified was but 16 years old at that time, became infatuated with the black man. Finally she left home, and the family searched for her, finally finding her in a coal mining town near McKeesport, with her negro husband.

Blamed It on the Girl.

He had taken out a marriage license in this city and had sworn the girl was 21 years old.

McGruder, in testifying, insisted that the girl was responsible for the marriage and instructed him to get the license and told him she was born in 1880.

His description of their associations on the farm almost made the mother wild with grief, and it was with difficulty the other daughter was able to calm her. The negro attempted to be humorous, but court, jury and spectators alike frowned on him.

The young wife was called to the stand, and while she testified she bounced a mulatto baby on her knee.

She was quick and intelligent in her answers, and said she had told McGruder she was 21, which was correct, and that she was "her own boss." She claimed she was driven from home and sought shelter with the negro and insisted that he should marry her.

When asked why she had told him her age she replied bluntly:

"Because I wanted him."

The case was given to the jury and a sealed verdict will be returned this morning. Following adjournment the young wife and her sister had a lively war of words in the court house corridor and would have come to blows but for the interference of a court official. Both were left in tears at its conclusion.

Used Beer Kegs for Kindling.

Before Judge Shafer Mrs. Mary Carrigan was tried for larceny, and acquitted. A representative of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company was the prosecutor. According to his evidence he found what had been five beer kegs, chopped into kindling wood, at the home of Mrs. Carrigan. They bore the stamp of the brewing company, and the company claimed them on that account.

Judge Shafer treated the case humorously. The testimony showed the woman did not use beer and that her boys, in gathering wood, found the kegs in an adjoining lot, where they had been left by a former tenant. The costs were placed on the prosecutor.

Caranna Cerace was convicted of the larceny of $250 from Teresa Settina and sent to the workhouse for one year. Fred Cushman was convicted of larceny by bailee of some ladders and painters' material of D. A. Convery.

Judge Shafer, in the report of the commission appointed made an order transferring John Durbin, "the slasher," from the penitentiary to the Dixmont insane asylum.

GRAND JURY RETURNS.

Lawson Stubblefield Indicted for Murder and Five Bills Against Samuel Ross, the Burglar.

The grand jury yesterday indicted Lawson Stubblefield for murder and manslaughter. He is charged with killing Oscar Banks at the Chartiers bridge, between Esplen and McKees Rocks, on October 18 last, by stabbing him in the neck.

Samuel Ross, the alleged professional burglar who was arrested in Allegheny last week, was indicted, two bills, one for felonious assault and battery committed on Henry Kleinman, and the other for entering a building with intent to commit a felony and larceny, being returned against him. He is indicted as Samuel Ross, with numerous aliases. Other true bills returned were:

Entering a car with intent to commit a felony, Arthur Hartial et al; entering a building with intent to commit a felony, Nate Huggins; misdemeanor, William Nelson, Robert Lomady; felonious assault and battery, Minnie J. O'Keefe; larceny, Felix Bloszowitz, Frank Goble, George Hendersilst, Charles Hunt; assault and battery, Rose Brown, Joseph Cresswell, Richard Givens, Ellen Peters, Richard McNelly, Alex Mendelwits; false pretense, J. N. Barker, A. J. Barton, H. H. Monfer; embezzlement, Edward Carpenter, Frank Hoffman; aggravated assault and battery, Lloyd Delowry, M. P. Gross, Alex Mendelwitz, John Jackul; selling liquor without license, Julia Davis, John Murphy; selling liquor on Sunday, John Murphy; libel, J. M. Dorko, C. L. Orbach, John Spevak; keeping a gambling house, Edward Grossman.

The ignored bills were: Larceny, George Ashcraft; pointing firearms, John Barfaldi; assault and battery, John Burgo, Mike Palasviz, John Raven, Andy Karris, John Stack, Annie Miller, John Mosey; selling liquor without license, Fred Caiella; larceny by bailee, H. J. McAvoy.

DENY ROAD'S RIGHT.

Bill in Equity to Restrain Pittsburgh & Glenwood Railroad Company from Taking Property.

A bill in equity was filed yesterday, in common pleas court No. 1, by Attorney W. A. Jordan, for Eliza S. Mitler, against the Pittsburgh & Glenwood Railroad Company to restrain it from entering her property in the Twenty-third ward. The property is desired for the improvements to be made by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

In the bill, as in similar bills recently filed, it is contended that the defendant has no legal right of existence, and that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has no authority to take possession of it, and that the lines are parallel.

Attorney Johns McCleave, for the defendant company, referred to a clause in the act governing rights of eminent domain, as follows: "The exercise of the right of eminent doman shall never be abridged, or so construed as to prevent the general assembly from taking the property franchise of incorporated companies and subjecting them to public use, the same as the property of individuals."

The same lawyer quoted Judge Thayer of Philadelphia in saying that without this clause a road could not be opened, a telegraph line constructed, a canal built, a new street laid out or an old one altered, and that all public improvements would come to a standstill. Judge Marshall Brown took the papers.

BIDS FOR COUNTY BONDS.

Commissioners Get But Slightly Higher Price on Second Trial.

The county commissioners, with Controller W. E. Thompson, yesterday, for the first time, opened bids for the bond issue of $550,000 for road improvements, the premiums on the first offer not being considered sufficiently high. The bids received yesterday were not encouraging, but in the face of a tight money market and the offers made for bonds in other cities, the bonds now offered may be knocked down at the highest price offered.

The bids received were: Neiburger Bros. & Co., $574,350 50; James Carothers & Co., $554,455; Rudolph Kleybolte & Co., $554,680. The bids were considered surprisingly close to those originally submitted. The offer of Rudolph Kleybolte & Co. is just $438 95 higher than the highest bid previously received from C. R. Williams & Co of this city.

A representative of one of the firms, who was at the meeting, said that Philadelphia recently sold several million dollars' worth of bonds at par. The commissioners took no action on the bids and it is possible the bonds will be offered again. C. R. Williams & Co. were disgusted at being turned down on the first offer and refused to bid this time.

DEMURRER TO LARKIN.

Mercantile Trust Company Alleges That Reasons Offered by Controller Are Not Sufficient.

Demurrers were filed yesterday in behalf of the Mercantile Trust Company to the answers of Controller John E. Larkin to the writs of alternative mandamus granted on him in the new Highland reservoir controversy.

It is set forth that the act of 1901, authorizing the controller to require evidence that the amount is justly due, was passed subsequent to the completion of the contract, and that there is not sufficient denial that the work was not completed according to the contract, nor that the certificate of the engineer was not binding upon the controller.

It is said there is no allegation of fraudulent conduct by the director of the department of public works to prevent the issue of mandamus, neither is the answer relating to the penalty for failure to complete the contract on time sufficient. It is shown that under the terms of the contract questions of dispute are left to the director, and that as the controller has failed to do this, there can be no offset.

It is stated that the answer referring to the acceptance or rejection of the works is insufficient, as the estimates sued on are not final, that the director has taken no action and that his answer in other respects is uncertain and defective.

Today's Trial Lists.

Criminal court—Commonwealth vs. Annie Hoinnak, John Swarin, Mike Schollinger, Meriner Bergen, Harry Brubach, Harry Heebt, Joseph Tomko, J. R. Weaver, Charles Fisher, Fred Starick, Catherine Shackstock, Nich Rudikorie (2), Della Swoger, Newton Higgens, Richard Given, John H. Walton, Johanna Wasnerezka, J. W. Johnston, William Johnston, Finn Scanlon.

Common pleas No. 1—Romito vs. Consolidated Traction Company, Fralich vs. Hall Steam Pump Co., Nurse vs. P. C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., Harrold vs. McDonald, Doubleday-Hill Electric Co. vs. Lundin, Sherriff Manufacturing Company vs. Hall.

Common pleas No. 2—Scott vs. Woods, Latimer vs. Watson, McCauley Bros. vs. McCormick, Goldstroam et al. vs. borough of Duquesne.

Common pleas No. 3—Argument list.

New Suits Filed.

New suits were entered as follows:

COMMON PLEAS NO. 1.

Plaintiff. Defendant. Action.

Augustus Seale—Pittsburgh & Western Railroad Company.....Assp.

Arthur R. May admr.—Sutersville Bridge Company.....Equity

A. Alexander—Pennsylvania Water Co....Tres.

J. E. Devenney—Louis L. Collingwood....Tres.

L. Hersch—P. L. Blume.....Assp.

L. Hersch—J. C. Dight.....Assp.

Eliza A. Miller—Glenwood Railroad Co.Equity

Mercantile Trust Co.—James F. Thompson.....Scl fa mtge.

W. H. Keech co.—Frank O. Jackson.....Rep.

E. H. Singleton et al.—H. S. Seerls....Ex att.

William S. Walker—Ray Carpenter et al.

.....Cap tres.

A. Park Dibler—Albert J. Johnson.....Tres.

COMMON PLEAS NO. 2.

Lawton Real Estate Co.—John T. Ayres..Ejct.

Harry Stamm, use—P. K. & St. Ry. Co.

.....Scl fa mtge.

John Child—Wm. Cauchey.....Scl fa rev.

J. Wm. Barnes—E. G. Caughey.....Assp.

City of Allegheny—Western Union Telegraph Company.....Assp.

City of Allegheny—Central District & Printing Telegraph Co.....Assp.

COMMON PLEAS NO. 3.

N. Spear et al.—Jno. L. Moore et al.....Rep.

Edward Hartmann—Anna Megill et al.....

.....Scl fa mtge.

John Gregor—Dr. Robert H. Mackenzie....Ap.

T. G. Green—Dr. Robert H. McKenzie....Ap.

Aaron Cowell—Oliver Thompson.....Ap.

Citizens National Bank—Fidelity Title & Trust Co. admr.....Assp.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

A decree in distribution in the estate of Sarah A. Young shows a balance of $6,623 78.

A new trial was asked by the libellant in the divorce case of Sarah J. Carson against Alexander Carson.

Letters testamentary were issued to Frederick Guertner and A. H. Moeser on the $4,300 estate of Maria E. Moser.

Letters of administration were issued as follows: To Henrietta Kuechler, on the $26,000 estate of L. J. Kuechler; to L. L. McClelland on the $1,500 estate of Frank H. Smith.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed by Irwin Curtis Bracken and John R. Bracken, doing business as Bracken Bros., in New Alexander, Westmoreland county, giving liabilities as $2,574 70, with $2,317 assets.

By the will of Lambert Schuebert of the Thirty-fifth ward, his estate goes to his wife. August Prageser, by his will, left a $14,000 estate to his wife. The $2,700 estate of Rudolph Poseman goes to his wife, Lisetta Poseman.

James Kifer, charged with attempting to influence a clerk in the treasury department at Washington to secure a list of stockholders in the Exchange National bank, gave bail in $1,000 for a hearing. Whitesell Bros. represent Kifer.

A petition was filed for the removal of the case of Young & Co. against the George A. Fuller Company to the common pleas court No. 1 to the United States circuit court. The actions grow out of a contract for the marble work at the Frick building.

Executions were issued as follows: Mutual Life Insurance Company vs. James C. Dick, with notice, $1,094 77; George Schindehutt vs. M. W. Brannen, $108 15; Mrs. Catherine McCandless vs. Robert F. Thums et al, $5,405; Annie Poellet vs. Tobias Poellet.

In the United States district court W. T. Lindsey, commissioner, filed his report in the case of the steamboat Pastime, showing that he dismissed of the boat for $1,076. After the liens were paid a balance of $697 30 was returned to Henry M. Rodgers, owner of the boat, by an order of court.

Arthur R. May, administrator of the estate of J. R. Henderson, filed a bill of discovery against the Sutersville Bridge Company. It is asked that the defendants produce its charter, books and accounts, and transfer certain stock belonging to the decedent to the plaintiff. It is said Henderson at his death owned $4,000 worth of stock in the defendant company, but that no written evidence of this can be found among his effects.

The will of Franz Jacob Fleck of Allegheny was filed. The estate is worth $21,000. The following bequests are made: German Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's cemetery, $800; German Evangelical Orphan Asylum, $100; Mrs. Catherine Stiffenhagan and Mrs. Margaretta Krause, $500 each. The residue of the estate goes to Cornelius, Alfred, William and Charles Fleck and the children of August Fleck.

O'HAIRE WANTS SHARE.

Sues for Sixth Interest in Portland Mine in Cripple Creek--One of its Locaters.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 18.—J. D. O'Haire, one of the original locaters of the Portland mine at Cripple Creek, today filed a suit in the district court against James F. Burns and the Portland Gold Mining Company, asking for a one-sixth interest in the mine and a one-sixth interest in the ore which has been shipped since date of discovery.

The mine has produced, approximately, $12,000,000, and at the ruling market price, the stock is selling at $6,000,000, so that the claim amounts to $3,000,000 against the Portland estate.

The suit is brought upon practically the same grounds as those upon which James Doyle obtained a judgment of $300,000 in the district court at Council Bluffs, Ia., several months ago.

Spencer Trask & Co., the New York city bankers, have issued another edition of map and statistics covering the transcontinental railroad systems west of Chicago. The analysis is based upon earnings per mile of road for the fiscal years ended 1901 and 1902, and covers stocks and bonds outstanding per mile to latest date. The map shows at a glance practically the entire railroad mileage of the west, and is printed in most artistic style. The work should be found of great value to all classes of investors.

An instructive supplement has been printed in connection with the present analysis, which is presented in the form of a four-page pamphlet. Figures are given covering comparative records for as many as five years past, and serve to illustrate the wonderful progress that has been made by the large carriers of the west. A study of these figures shows that almost without exception expenditures have been most liberal on account of maintenance charges, which is reflected by the increased cost of operating. The amounts expended for betterments, etc., are also given. Probably the most interesting comparison, from the viewpoint of the layman, is that on page 2, giving the 1902 record of gross income, operating expenses, net income, fixed charges, funded debt and capital stock, as compared with the record of 1898. In some instances gross income is as much as 72 per cent greater during 1902, while net income, in the case of one road, has increased 170 per cent, or nearly 1¾ times over. An important feature is the fact that these increases in income have been brought about without especially heavy increases in funded debt and capital stock; the highest percentage of interest in funded debt being 48 per cent, and 64 per cent in capital stock, with actual decreases being shown in some instances.

Copies of the work will be distributed gratuitously to institutions and investors making application of Spencer Trask & Co.

A thousand bushels of Home-raised Potatoes at Daizells', Grocers, Ohio and Arch streets, Allegheny.

A Household Necessity

GORHAM SILVER POLISH

Cleans as well as polishes
Does not cake. Is economical

All responsible jewelers keep it 25 cents a package

JOSEPH HORNE CO.

Weather—Fair. Friday, Dec. 19, 1902.

Christmas shopping in the evening has its bright side—store not so crowded, the pleasure of leisurely selecting your gifts, plenty of time and plenty of room to look through all departments. Store open tonight in all departments, including Restaurant.

The Indians have caught the Christmas spirit mightily and insist on being with us through the nights that the store is open. If you are here tonight as likely as not you will see them doing a little shopping themselves, for they like to buy, just as well as other people. Or the women may take a notion to do some extra weaving on the third floor.

Seal Fur Has Advanced 20 Per Cent---

But Not in This Store.

At the London Fur sale this week Alaska Sealskins sold at an advance of 20 per cent—this means an increase in the price of Seal garments of from $40 to $60.

We are selling finest and most reliable grades of Alaska Seal Coats at reasonable prices—some of the prices exceedingly low—owing to the fact that we laid in our stock early last summer. The sale of fine Furs of every description has been exceptionally large this season and the fact of our unusually large stock makes it an easy matter for any one to find whatever they want in the way of fine Furs.

We call special attention to our very choice collection of high grade Russian Sable Muffs, Stoles and Collarettes—the most elegant of all Furs.

Persian Lamb Coats, with high collar, and extra full revers of Chinchilla, full sleeves with flare cuffs of Chinchilla, lined with handsome brocade satin at $135, worth $150.

Short Jackets of Sealskin, the collar and wide revers trimmed with Baum Marten, lined with fancy brocade satin, $200, worth $235.

Nearseal Blouse, large collar and revers of Ermine, lined with brocade satin, $75, worth $90.

Nearseal Jackets, the revers and collar of Chinchilla, latest style sleeves, with Chinchilla cuffs, $65. This is a very special line of Jackets.

Extra long Boas of Sable Fox, finished with large brush tails, $25.

Very fine Double Boas of Isabella Fox, finished with brush tails, $35.

Long Pelerines of Squirrel, with deep tab, ending in Fur ruffle, $30.

Blue Lynx Boas, finished with large tails, beautiful specimens, $30 each.

Extra fine quality double Boas of Sable Fox, finished with large bush tails, $22.50.

Fine Black Fox Boas, finished with large brush tails, $20.

A high quality of Isabella Fox Boas, finished with large brush tails and paws, $17.50.

Neat Scarfs of Sable Fox, finished with large tails, $10.

Sable Fox Boas finished with large brush tails and four claws, $7.50.

Nearseal Scarfs, finished with 6 Marten Tails, $3.

A better suggestion for a handsome Christmas gift for a woman it would be hard to find. Of course the very brief mention of our immense stock of Furs will be understood in these busy Christmas times, and it will also be understood there are many in-between prices besides those given above.

Eiderdown Comforts.

The young lady or the young man, when going back to school, would like nothing better than to take with them an Eiderdown Comfort. Or send it to them and let them be surprised when they return.

We have just the nicest lot of these fluffy Comforts that we ever had the pleasure of showing—and we don't mind saying that we never sold so many for gift purposes.

Covered with sateen, $5, $8 and $10.

Covered with silk, $15 and $20, $25 and up to $45.

Covered with satin, $27.50 and up to $65.

The New 1903 Go-Carts.

You could not better please the mother of a bouncing baby than to present that baby with a Go-Cart in some one of the advanced styles for 1903 that we are now showing.

We have already sold quite a lot. There are many new features over the 1902 styles.

On exhibition, fourth floor.

Oriental Rugs—Reduced Prices.

A Rich Oriental Rug would greatly please the majority of people.

Today we will offer Persian Hearth Rugs, Carabaghs and Guendjebs, for $12 each.

Today we will offer Daghestan and Shirvan Rugs, worth from $36 to $42, for the very low price of $20 each.

Today we will offer Persian Carpet Rugs—reds, greens, blues, sizes averaging 12x9 feet, for $95 each. The regular prices of these Rugs heretofore have been $145 and $150.

Men's Suspenders for Gifts.

Here in the widest profusion of high class varieties that the gift-giver could desire—plain silks to the most elaborate Persian designs—some in rich stripes and all sorts of fancy colorings.

All are handome, correct and made of dependable webs and trimmings. Each pair packed in a neat Holiday box.

Suspenders of silk, 50c and $1, up to $2 a pair.

Suspenders with sterling silver buckles, $1.50 up to $6 a pair.

Gas Drop Lights.

A very good suggestion of a present to anyone who likes to be comfortably fixed for an evening of quiet reading.

We sell Gas Drop Lights with green shade or white shade. Beginning at $2 for the outfit and running easily along to $15.

Bread and Milk Sets of English China.

For the tots, as you would guess. On sale in the Infants' Department, second floor Annex.

4-piece sets, Plate, Bowl, Pitcher and Mug—decorated with Kate Greenway subjects, each piece gold stippled, and each containing an appropriate nursery rhyme.

$1.75 each.

Why Not—

Buy your favorite baby

A nice Bonnet? 50c up to $25.

A nice Cap? 50 up to $25.

A nice Coat? $2.25 up to $50.

The Infants' Department, second floor, is full of such attire for little children. If you cannot look into this department today, then come tonight.

Christmas Aprons.

Sold on the second floor, and at about as fast a rate as you would find toys being sold.

Pretty and attractive Aprons of fine Swiss and lawn, some of them modestly trimmed, others a great deal of elaboration—the trimming of laces, embroideries and ribbons.

A dainty gift—a suitable gift—25c and along to $5.

Nickle-Plated Gift Ware.

that will be found among the many Household Sundries in the Basement. A list, each paragraph of which is immensely suggestive:

Chafing Dishes, $3 to $40 each.

5 o'clock Tea Pots, $1.50 to $8.

Wine Coolers, $3 to $10 each.

Bottle Holders for Club Soda or Ginger Ale, 50c each to $1.50.

Ash Receivers and Cigar Stands, 25c to $1.

Smokers' Sets, $2 to $10 the set.

Match Holders, 50c to $1.50 each.

Gold lined 3-piece Sugar and Cream Sets, $2.50 to $3.50.

Pepper Mills, 50c to $3 each.

At this point we discontinue mention of Nickel-plated Ware, and go to other things that are just as pleasing and that are to be found in this Basement Department in just as great variety.

Salad Sets in glass and decorated China, $2 to $8 the set.

Japanese Tea Trays, square, round, oblong and oval, from 10c each up to $3.

Japanese Dinner Gongs of enamel, copper, bronze and brass finishes, from $1.25 up to $40.

Bissel Carpet Sweepers, and our own Stag Brand, in oak, walnut and rosewood finishes, with japanned and nickel frame, from $1.45 each up to $3.50.

One-pint nickel-plated Toy Ice Cream Freezers, $1.25 They are not so much of a toy as one would think. A pint of cream can be frozen just as quickly in this freezer as in a regular big freezer.

Raisin Seeders, will seed a pound per minute, no crushing, $1.

Turkey Carvers.

Next to Thanksgiving the greatest day for the uncrowned king of the barnyard is Christmas. The carving of his majesty should be done in state, with all the attendant dignity that his exalted position calls for..

Complete lines of Turkey Carvers, either of imported or domestic steel, finished with bone, stag or pearl handles, $1 and by easy stages to $18 per set. On sale in the Basement.

Linen Covered Work Boxes.

At the Notion Counter you will be shown through a great line of these Work Boxes filled with sewing cotton, darning cotton, thimble and scissors.

A very neat box and something very good for 50c each.

For a better Box we refer you to those covered with leather—$1 up to $8.50.

Christmas Basketry

Of course our time is limited in which to make a Basket after any suggestion you would give, but if you ask us to make it we will do our best to have it ready for you by the 24th. Our Basket makers are very busy.

In the regular stock of Baskets, found in the Basement, we refer to the following:

Fancy heart and diamond shape Candy Baskets, worth 20c, now selling for 10c.

Silk lined Work Baskets, different fancy shapes, from 50c and running along to $7. We fill them at small cost.

Waste Paper Baskets in practically unlimited assortments, beginning at 75c and ranging to $5 with a great line of in-between prices.

PENN AND FIFTH.

SKATES FREE

WITH BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

This is interesting news for the boys, and our prices will be just as interesting for their parents. Attractive prices also on the Men's and Youths' Suits and Overcoats, Hats and Furnishings.

MEN'S OVERCOATS—$6 to $40. Special loose-fitting all-wool blacks and oxfords.....$13.50

MEN'S SUITS—$6 to $25. Special firm front, all-wool black and fancies.....$15

YOUTHS' SUITS—14 to 20 years. $5 to $22. Swell cut all-wool black and fancy.....$12

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS—14 to 20 years. $5 to $24. Fine loose-fitting blacks and oxfords.....$12

BOYS' SUITS—3 to 16 years. $1.50 to $10. All-wool sailors and double-breasted styles.....$3.50

BOYS' OVERCOATS—2 to 16 years. $3 to $12. Plain and novelty styles.....$3.50

Cape Overcoats, 3 to 6 years. $5 quality.....$2

RAIN COATS—$15 to $24. Fine firm front oxford, well tailored.....$18

SMOKING JACKETS—$4 to $14. Fine all-wool double faced cloth.....$6

UMBRELLAS—50c to $5.50. Men's silk taffeta with imported horn handles.....$2.50

GLOVES—25c to $8.50. Fine silk lined gray and tan mochas.....$1.50

SWEATERS—75c to $5. Men's pure worsteds.....$2.50

Boys' soft all-wool.....$1

SHIRTS—50c to $2. Plain and pleated, neat figures and stripes.....$1

Boys' of same.....75c

MUFFLERS—25c to $2. Silk in new folded style.....$1

HANDKERCHIEFS—5c to $1. Men's silk, plain or with small initial.....50c

NECKWEAR—New 4-in-hands, English squares, ascots and tecks.....50c

SUSPENDERS—25c to $2. Special silk web sterling and gold plate buckles.....$1

STIFF HATS—$3 to $3.50. New wide brim low crown style.....$3

SOFT HATS—50c to $4.75. New wide brim, low crown styles.....$2.50

Boys' telescope soft hats.....$1

MEN'S CAPS—25c to $3. Extra fine silk plush Brightons and Windsors.....$1.25

BOYS' CAPS—25c to $1. Large shape golfs.....75c

Golfs with sliding band or inside cape.....50c

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.

STRASSBURGER AND JOSEPH

815-817 Federal Street, Allegheny.

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537 Wood St., Pittsburgh.

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NOVELTIES IN Pocketbooks, Wrist Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Satchels, Toilet Cases, Card Cases, Traveling Flasks, Dress Suit Cases, etc.

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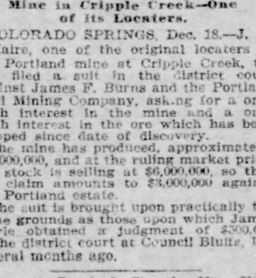
XMAS GIFTS.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE INNOVATION WARDROBE TRUNK? WE ARE SOLE AGENTS FOR IT.

McELVEEN'S

(McElveen Furniture Co.)



Desk of Weathered Oak

This store's policy to have the goods in demand for ALL purposes is exemplified in the Desk portrayed above. It is a simple, practical Desk, made of weathered oak and without ornamentation. But it is a fine example of thorough workmanship, and has rare attractiveness for those who consider utility paramount in all such things.

34½ inches long, 18 inches deep and 43¼ inches high.

Such a Desk has one distinct advantage. It is unostentatious, and no matter where you place it, it never causes the rest of the furniture to appear at a disadvantage. On the other hand, this Desk has a quiet beauty which harmonizes with practically all other furnishings.

The modest price bespeaks the fact that this is headquarters for the best values in furniture of all kinds.

McELVEEN'S

(McElveen Furniture Co.)

525-527-529 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

From Union Station, Pittsburgh.

In effect October 5, 1902. Eastern Standard Time.

FOR PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON.

TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Atlantic Express, daily	3:00 a. m.	
Pennsylvania Limited, daily	7:15 a. m.	
Day Express, daily	7:30 a. m.	
Main Line Express, daily	8:00 a. m.	
Harrisburg Mail, daily	12:46 p. m.	
Harrisburg Express, daily	4:40 p. m.	
Philadelphia Express, daily	4:50 p. m.	
Eastern Express, daily	7:10 p. m.	
Fast Line, daily	9:00 p. m.	
"Pittsburgh Limited," daily, for New York, Baltimore and Washington only	10:00 a. m.	
The Pennsylvania Special, daily, for Philadelphia and New York	11:25 p. m.	
Philadelphia Mail, Sunday only	8:40 a. m.	
For Buffalo a.—Niagara Falls, 9 a. m. and 10:45 p. m. daily.		
For Oil City, 6:15, 9:00 a. m., 1:30, 5:05 and 10:45 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m., 5:05 and 10:45 p. m.		
For Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Cincinnati and St. Louis, 9:00 a. m. daily.		
For Erie, Mercer and Oil City, 8:05 a. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m.		
For Youngstown and Ashtabula, 8:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m.		
For Youngstown and Niagara Falls, 8:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m. week-days.		
For Columbus and Cincinnati, 8:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m. week-days.		
For Titusville only, 1:30 p. m. week-days.		
For Dubois, 6:15, 9:00 a. m., 1:30 and 5:05 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m. and 5:05 p. m.		
For Atlantic City (via Delaware River Bridge, all-rail route), 8:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m. daily.		
For Connellsville and Uniontown, 5:10, 8:25 a. m., 12:45 and 4:25 p. m. week-days.		
For West Brownsville and Uniontown, 10:25 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week-days. For Belle Vernon and West Brownsville, 6:05, 8:05, 10:25 a. m., 1:05, 4:20 and 8:25 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 8:55 a. m., 1:05, 5:00 and 9:50 p. m.		
For West Elizabeth, Dravosburg and Monongahela City, 6:00, 8:00, 10:25 a. m., 1:05, 4:20, 5:25, 6:20 and 11:55 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 8:55 a. m., 1:05, 5:00 and 9:50 p. m.		
West Elizabeth and Dravosburg only, 3:20 p. m. week days.		

FROM ALLEGHENY CITY.

For Butler, 6:33, 8:23, 10:33 a. m., 3:03 and 6:13 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 7:03 a. m., 9:33 p. m.

The Excelsior Baggage Express Company will call for and check baggage from hotels and residences. Time cards and full information can be obtained at the ticket offices—No. 360 Fifth avenue, corner Fourth avenue and Try street, and Union Station.

J. R. WOOD, General Manager. J. R. HUTCHINSON, Gen'l Pass'r Agent.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

Leave station, Smithfield and Water Sts.:

LINES EAST.	Depart.	Arrive.
Cumberland Accom	* 5:30 am	* 9:15 pm
Connelsv. & Mt. Pleas.	* 6:30 am	† 3:05 pm
Wash., Balto. & N. York	* 8:00 am	† 7:55 pm
Con'v., Un'tn & Fairm't.	* 8:00 am	† 7:55 pm
Cumb., Wash. & Balto.	* 1:00 pm	† 3:05 pm
West Newton Accom	†10:00 am	† 5:00 pm
Conn'v., Un'tn, Morg'n.	† 1:30 pm	†10:00 am
Connelsv. & Mt. Pleas.	† 1:30 pm	†8 3:05 pm
Connellsville Accom	* 4:00 pm	† 8:05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg and Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:50 pm
Philadelphia and New York (Duquesne Lim.)	* 3:30 pm	* 9:15 pm
Wash., Balto. & Phila.	* 9:30 pm	* 7:00 am

LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Wash. (Pa. & Wheel. Ac.	* 7:00 am	*10:05 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wgh., Zanesv. & Col. Ac.	* 4:00 pm	* 9:00 am
Wash. (Pa.) and Wheel.	* 4:50 pm	* 6:00 pm
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:00 pm	* 7:45 pm
Wgh., Col. & C. Exp.	†11:30 pm	

LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Youngst.	* 7:50 am	* 3:15 pm
Chicago & Cleveland	* 3:30 pm	*12:35 pm
Chicago Limited	* 8:15 pm	* 7:40 am

(Leave P. & W. Station, Allegheny.)

Butler	* 7:55 am	* 7:55 am
Butler, Foxburg	† 7:35 am	† 5:25 pm
Butler, Greenville & Erie	† 7:35 am	† 7:20 pm
Butler	†10:45 am	† 7:55 am
Butler, Greenville & Erie	† 1:15 pm	† 6:30 am
Butler, Clarion & Greenv.	* 3:15 pm	†10:40 am
Ellwood N. Cast., Butler	* 5:30 pm	* 9:25 am
Butler	* 6:15 pm	* 8:25 pm
Butler	*11:30 pm	* 7:20 pm

*Daily †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Saturday only.

BESSEMER & LAKE ERIE R. R.

Schedule in effect Nov. 23, 1902. Trains leave B. & O. depot, Allegheny (Eastern Standard time.) For Erie, Girard, Conneaut, O., and Meadville, 1:35 a. m. and 1:15 p. m.; Greenville, Mercer, Grove City and Keister, 7:25 a. m., 1:15 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. All trains daily except Sunday.

E. D. COMSTOCK, G. P. A., Pittsburgh, Pa.

RIVER PACKETS.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line

Strs. for Wheeling, Marietta, Parkersburg, Gallipolis, Huntington, Ironton, Portsmouth, Cincinnati, Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, New Orleans and way landings. Leave wharfboat foot Wood st. as follows: Str. Keystone State, Monday; Queen City, Wednesday; Virginia, Saturday, at 4 p. m. Fare—Pgh. to Cin. $7; round trip, $12 and $14, meals, berths, included; down by boat, return by rail, $14. For freight or passage apply to Jas. A. Henderson, Mgr. Tel. 1762 Court.

RAILROADS.

Pittsburgh Union Station.

Pennsylvania Lines.

By Central Standard Time.

Central Time.	Depart.	Arrive.
Chic. & Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7:00 am	*11:15 am
Youngst'n & Cleve'd Mail	* 8:25 am	* 5:10 pm
Buffalo & Erie Express	† 8:25 am	† 9:05 pm
Lake Chautqua Fast Line	*12:30 pm	* 6:50 pm
Buffalo & Erie Express	† 4:20 pm	† 6:05 am
Cleveland & Chicago Ex.	* 2:30 pm	* 1:00 pm
Boston Special	† 4:20 pm	* 6:05 am
Chic. & Cleveland "Flyer"	* 6:00 pm	*11:15 am
Buffalo & Cleveland Ex.	*10:50 pm	* 9:00 am
Chand. & Youngst'n Accom.	† 5:25 pm	† 9:00 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 6:50 am	† 5:35 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 9:00 am	† 6:45 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 12:10 pm	† 8:30 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 4:30 pm	*12:30 pm
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 am
Beaver Valley Express	† 5:25 pm	† 4:15 pm
Fayette City Accom.	† 6:10 am	† 7:20 am
Fayette C. & N. Haven Ex.	* 8:00 am	* 5:00 am
McKeesp't & Fayette City	†11:50 am	†12:40 pm
Fayette City & N. Haven	† 3:20 pm	† 4:00 pm
Fayette City Express	† 5:20 pm	† 5:40 pm

‡On Sunday from Cleveland only.

P., C. & Y. trains for Carnegie, Beading and Beechmont, 15:25 a. m., †10:15 a. m.

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday.

‡Note—6:00 p. m. train on Sundays to Youngstown only.

For ticket office, 357 Fifth ave., Park Bldg.

J. B. YOHE, Gen. Supt. L. A. ROBISON, Gen. Pass. Agent.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

RIVER PACKETS.

Pittsburgh to Zanesville.

ELEGANT STEAMER LORENA (Geo. Wallace, master,) leaves Pittsburgh every Saturday, 4 p. m.; Zanesville every Tuesday, 8 a. m. Fare, round trip, $5, meals and room included. S. P. PATTERSON & CO., Agents. Tel. 428.

PITTSBURGH AND PARKERSBURG SEMI-WEEKLY PACKET.

STEAMER BEN HUR, R. E. Cramer, Master; Ed. Dana, Clerk, leaves Pattersons's wharfboat Monday, 12 m., Thursday, 4 p. m. Connecting with Str. Helen Gould at Parkersburg for Charleston and all way landings. S. P. Patterson & Co., C. H. Garlett, 307 Water st., Agents. 'Phone 428.

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